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One more tests positive

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One more passenger from a U.S. territory has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus upon arriving in the CNMI last Aug 8, boosting the CNMI's overall number of cases to 48.

According to a statement from the COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the person is now safely in quarantine and was moved to the designated isolation site, the Kanoa Resort in Susupe, where CHCC will be able to keep a close eye on him/her.

CHCC has already initiated contact tracing for the new patient's most immediate contacts, which include passengers on the same flight, close family members, and friends

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, Aug. 9, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	397	15	412
Recovered	321	0	321
Active	71	15	86
Deaths	6*	0	6*
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			24,501

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	47	1	48
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			12,301**

*Total includes a sailor from the USS *Theodore Roosevelt.*

**Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

Guam gov takes issue with CDC label

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Guam's Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero is taking exception to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recent designation of Guam as a "high risk" area for COVID-19. At the very least, she said, the CDC should have known that Guam is considered a part of the United States and is not a "foreign country."

In a letter to CDC director Dr. Robert R. Redfield last Aug. 8, Leon Guerrero said

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PATHWAY CLEANUP
TanHoldings employees participate in a late afternoon cleanup of the Beach Road Pathway last Friday, Aug. 7, picking up trash along the stretch of the pathway from the JP Center to the Oleai Beach Bar and Grill.
JAYVEE VALLEJERA

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

No PUA for CWs

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The CNMI's foreign workers, called CW-1 workers, are not eligible for Public Unemployment Assistance, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, which Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) says is "a bad decision."

» Kilili: This is a bad decision

According to Sablan's digital newsletter released over the weekend, the U.S. Labor

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CW-1s who got PUA now on fraud list

> CW-1 workers who may have identified themselves as qualified aliens or U.S. eligible are now on the fraud list for investigation and are being or will be asked to pay back the amount received or be sanctioned.

CW-1 workers who may have misidentified themselves in order to qualify for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs are now on a fraud list for investigation and will be directed to return any amount they may have received.

The CNMI Department of Labor

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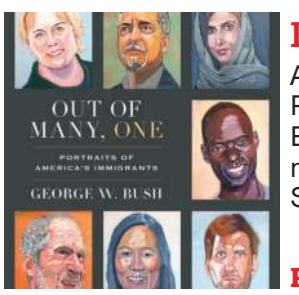

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Local

Torres outlines legislative priorities

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres laid down his legislative priorities last Thursday and asked the Legislature to focus on crafting legislation that will foster long-term benefits to the CNMI community.

In a letter to Senate President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) and House Speaker Blas Jonathan Attao (R-Saipan), the governor identified four priorities: local Occupational Health and Safety enforcement; the strengthening of the regulatory powers of the Commonwealth Casino Commission; the strengthening the independence and autonomy of the Office of the Public Auditor; and greater safety for students.

Torres said these priorities will "enhance transparency of administrative actions, pursue the strengthening of our enforcement responsibilities, and increase the efficacy of public services to the community."

In a statement, press secretary Kevin Bautista said the governor's legislative priorities respond to issues that constituents have brought to the attention of the administration.

"Partnership with the honorable members of our Legislature is the key to providing solutions for some our islands' biggest challenges," he added.

Local OSHA enforcement

Right now, the CNMI Department of Labor does not have the authority to act against violations of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and it only has a consultative role.

To change that, Torres said, a CNMI law must be adopted to create, designate, and fund a local agency that would take on OSHA's enforcement responsibilities. The CNMI Department of Labor, the governor said, would be an ideal for such a division.

"We simply cannot rely on federal enforcement to ensure the health and safety of our people. However, the Legislature should recognize the importance of this responsibility and locate or generate the sufficient funding to ensure a successful administration of these goals," he added.

Strengthening of CCC's regulatory powers

Torres also called for action regarding House Bill 21-11, authored by House vice speaker Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), which seeks to expand the regulatory authority of the Commonwealth Casino Commission over casino operations in the CNMI.

The "relatively young" casino industry on Saipan has exposed the weaknesses in the ability of the CCC to enforce casino regulations and the Commonwealth law, with Torres noting that legislation to strengthen CCC is already with Legislature.

"I will note that this legislation, in similar form, has been before you for several years. Action at this time is appropriate and requested…," he said.

Last March, the Senate Committee on Cannabis and Gaming endorsed the bill's passage, following its unanimous passage at the House in December last year.

Strengthening OPA's independence and autonomy

Torres also asked the Legislature to review past proposals to strengthen the powers of OPA. "The present law relating to OPA is outdated and has not responded to changes in laws, agency responsibilities and the increased demands of the public for public accountability."

Noting the "allegations of corruptions" brought by the Legislature, Torres said that strengthening OPA assures public accountability and transparency, and OPA's authority to deter, detect, investigate, and prosecute crimes involving public corruption, fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds.

Greater safety for our students

To address allegations of sexual abuse of students by teachers or individuals of authority within the Public School System, the governor asked the Legislature to review and strengthen provisions of the laws dealing with the use of school authority to facilitate the abuse of minors.

Torres said the concerns have not been addressed satisfactorily, demanded stricter penalties for the sexual abuse of minors, and asked support for strengthening the elimination of the statute of limitations on sexual abuse of minors.

The governor also said he will be asking the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a formal investigation into previous allegations of sexual abuse at PSS. ***(Iva Maurin)***

BOE's Ada responds

The CNMI Public School System's Office of Commissioner of Education Dr. Alfred B. Ada is in receipt of a letter from the Office of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, informing them, in particular, of his administration's legislative priorities, and, one of them is aimed at strengthening the accountability system of CNMI PSS through greater safety to public school students.

In response to the letter, Ada is issuing the following statement on behalf of PSS:

"The CNMI Public School System has a duty to serve and protect each and every individual, including and in particular, the children of this Commonwealth, the largest stakeholders of our public education. We support initiatives that are aimed at improving and complementing the child protection systems and protocols that have been established to safeguard both our children and personnel from all forms of risk, including sexual abuse.

"As such, the school district believes that the intent of Gov. Torres' proposed legislative initiative is the right way forward: it takes seriously the wellbeing of every student, for them to freely enjoy an environment where respect and inclusion make possible the deepest forms of intellectual, emotional, and character growth.

"As the largest CNMI government instrumentality providing direct services to the single largest segment of our population, this is a welcome support. We have been collaborating with our government and private sector partners in helping us better, improve and toughen our existing students and employee protection systems.

"This partnership is part of our long-term commitment of continually improving educational opportunities to our children, which includes affording them all necessary protections to thrive and grow in a safe learning environment.

"PSS had been investing over the years in aggressive continuing education through regular professional development and training, including tapping nationally-recognized experts to train our staff and personnel; implement ways from meta research from highly-respected education think-tanks that will prevent and stop sexual abuse and violence in all of our public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"Our students are also provided with support systems in preventing and reporting abuses. We have highly-trained professionals leading our emotional-and-trauma support system available in all of our elementary, middle and high schools, which we believe is essential and critical for every student's learning free from fear and or abuses.

"Our public school students are also part in our school district's aggressive campaign against all forms of abuses through the respective school-based Youth Advisory Panel. Our YAP has become a successful platform for student learning, student leadership and forum in tackling issues that impact student learning.

These investments are part of our CNMI PSS' stringent student-centered protection, safety, and reporting measures." ***(PR)***

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Children learn subsistence farming via CAO program

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The Carolinian Affairs Office has resumed its *Tepengi Kkosch Refaluwasch*/Caring for Our Carolinian Culture program last week by teaching about 20 children the ABCs of subsistence farming at the CAO grounds in Garapan.

The program, which aims to promote, preserve, and protect the Refaluwasch culture, showed participants, the youngest of whom is 4 years old, the rudiments of planting. They later tried their hand at planting bananas and tapioca in between classes.

Carolinian Affairs Office executive director John Tagabuel first taught the children fruits, parts of a plant, and key words for planting, and their local terms.

The program, made possible through a grant from the Administration for Native Americans, fosters youth development through traditional cultural activities for the children through cultural summer programs and classes for youth and adults. The grant, worth $441,815 spans three years, which begun in 2018.

Classes that have been taught included loom making, *mwaar*, basic *usous* making, *lighhatutuur*, fishing (identifying fish and reading tide charts), singing, weaving, and traditional dancing.

In an interview, project manager Aggie Ketebengang said that they currently have two classes, held Wednesdays and Fridays, with two different groups.

"We're teaching kids how to do subsistence farming. Because of this [COVID-19], everyone is going through hard times so we came up with an idea where we're [going to] teach kids how to go back to their roots [and learn] fishing, farming. Next week we're going to be doing cooking," Ketebengang added. "Last Wednesday, the children learned how to make coconut oil. …It's a beautiful program. This program gives us the opportunity to teach our culture to our kids. …One of the objectives is to reach out to the children and teach them as many traditions that we have."

Those who want to register their children for the program can go to the Carolinian Affairs Office in Garapan. Due to social distancing protocols, seats are limited, so registration is on a first come, first served basis.

CAO will be putting up a display hall to showcase all the end products from the activities held throughout the program.

DESPITE PRESIDING OVER CRIMINAL CASE VS IPI EXECS

IPI questions why Manglona is handling civil suit against it

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC questions why U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona continues to handle a lawsuit filed by seven former workers against IPI, considering that she has been presiding over a then-sealed criminal indictment against two IPI executives involving the same occurrence as the civil action.

IPI, through Michael W. Dotts, asked the District Court to suspend proceedings in the lawsuit filed by the seven former workers while the criminal indictment against IPI executives is still being resolved.

In the motion on Thursday, IPI also asked the court to vacate all discovery sanctions entered against the company since December 2019.

"The unsealing of the indictment is a significant development and…a stay is a matter of statutory right," said Dotts when asked for comment yesterday.

Last Tuesday, Manglona unsealed a superseding indictment against three persons, including two IPI executives, who allegedly conspired to hire unauthorized alien workers to work at IPI's casino/resort project in Garapan.

The indictment charged Liwen Wu, also known as Peter Wu, Jianmin Xu, and Yan Shi, with one count of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act conspiracy, one count of conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens, 32 counts of harboring illegal aliens, 32 counts of unlawful employment of aliens, and five counts of international promotional money laundering.

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Nominee sought for Bridge of Light Award

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is seeking nominations for its Bridge of Light Award to honor and thank those who work against domestic violence and sexual assault in the CNMI.

The award is given each year to honor one individual or community hero who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a "Bridge of Light" for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

Those eligible for the Bridge of Light Award include service providers, first responders, representatives, or volunteers at one or more eligible agencies, organizations or offices in the CNMI. The nominee must have been employed/volunteered for a minimum of one year and/or have demonstrated one or more extraordinary accomplishments to help sustain the movement. The nominee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership, service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Nominations may be submitted by a victim or survivor; a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV and/or the Family Violence Task Force; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organizations, or offices. To verify if an agency, organization, or office may nominate, contact NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org.

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8:00 - 9:00 Level 3B Critical Reading and Essay Writing

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Of the CNMI's total 48 cases, half of them, 24, have been identified through port-of-entry screening procedures and, of that number, 19 cases originated from the U.S. mainland, three from a foreign country, and two from U.S. territories.

Also, in response to reports of Vietnam seeing a spike in COVID-19 cases after having gone 99 days with no cases and with reports that quoted professionals as saying that the virus has mutated, making it more deadly than it already is, Warren Villagomez, head of the task force, says that it is a concern because, like the CNMI, Vietnam is also a "low-risk" country.

"It is something that we're looking closely because Vietnam is part of a low-risk country at one point but, with this spike and the mutation that's happening, it is a concern for everyone in Asia right now," he said.

Villagomez assured that the task force and CHCC are closely monitoring developments in the Asian region. "We will keep everyone posted on this because," he said.

"Again, it's [COVID-19] is not going away, we need to be careful. …We've mentioned about the false negative, and that's why we have these three W's in place," said Esther Muña, CHCC chief executive officer, referring to the rule to wash one's hands, wear a mask, and wait at a 6-foot distance.

Muña reiterated that the COVID-19 test has a chance of showing a false negative or false positive, thus the need to abide by the rules. She said their pathologist at the Commonwealth Health Center reviews the results and, if at times when there is a concern, the pathologist's decision would be declared as "false positive" versus a "false negative."

"But the staff that are with the equipment…do quality checks before we do the testing. So of course, there's a chance [of false results] but, at this point right now, with our staff that are with the pathologists, our scientists that are working upstairs, they're doing an excellent job to try to avoid that," said Muña.

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that CDC "should understand that Guam is American soil with approximately 4 million U.S. citizens that live in Guam and its 'sister territories.'"

Despite the success of the U.S. territories in its response to COVID-19 and should have been cited as examples for states to follow, Guam was, instead, included in a high level risk list, said Leon Guerrero. To prevent more confusion, she recommends that CDC provide separate risk assessments for U.S. territories to provide a better understanding for the COVID-19 risk of each jurisdiction.

To date, there have been a total of 412 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Guam, with five deaths.

CDC also designated the CNMI as a Level 3 "high-risk" area. All areas under that designation means CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the destination. It recommends that U.S. citizens go to the "foreign ministry of health" or a foreign designee at the U.S. State Department if they feel sick when visiting Guam or the CNMI.

"While I respect the CDC's fundamental role in protecting the nation and its people throughout this pandemic, every U.S. territory is included in the high-level risk list despite the fact that most U.S. territories have done a better job of containing COVID-19 than many states. At the very least, the CDC should understand that Guam is American soil and that approximately 4 million U.S. citizens live in Guam and its sister territories," her letter states. "Though others can be forgiven for not understanding the complex history of the United States and its unincorporated territories, the CDC should know that…Guam's sons and daughters carry this nation's flag into battle and too often lay [sic] under that flag in eternal rest—that sacrifice will not be ignored."

Leon Guerrero added that most confirmed cases in Guam are travel-related and were identified in quarantine, which shows that their "mitigation strategies are effective," and have prevented further community transmission.

"Despite the success of the U.S. territories in our response to COVID-19, we have been included in a High Level Risk list rather than used as examples for states to follow. We recommend providing separate risk assessments for the territories to provide a better understanding for the COVID-19 risk of each jurisdiction," said Leon Guerrero.

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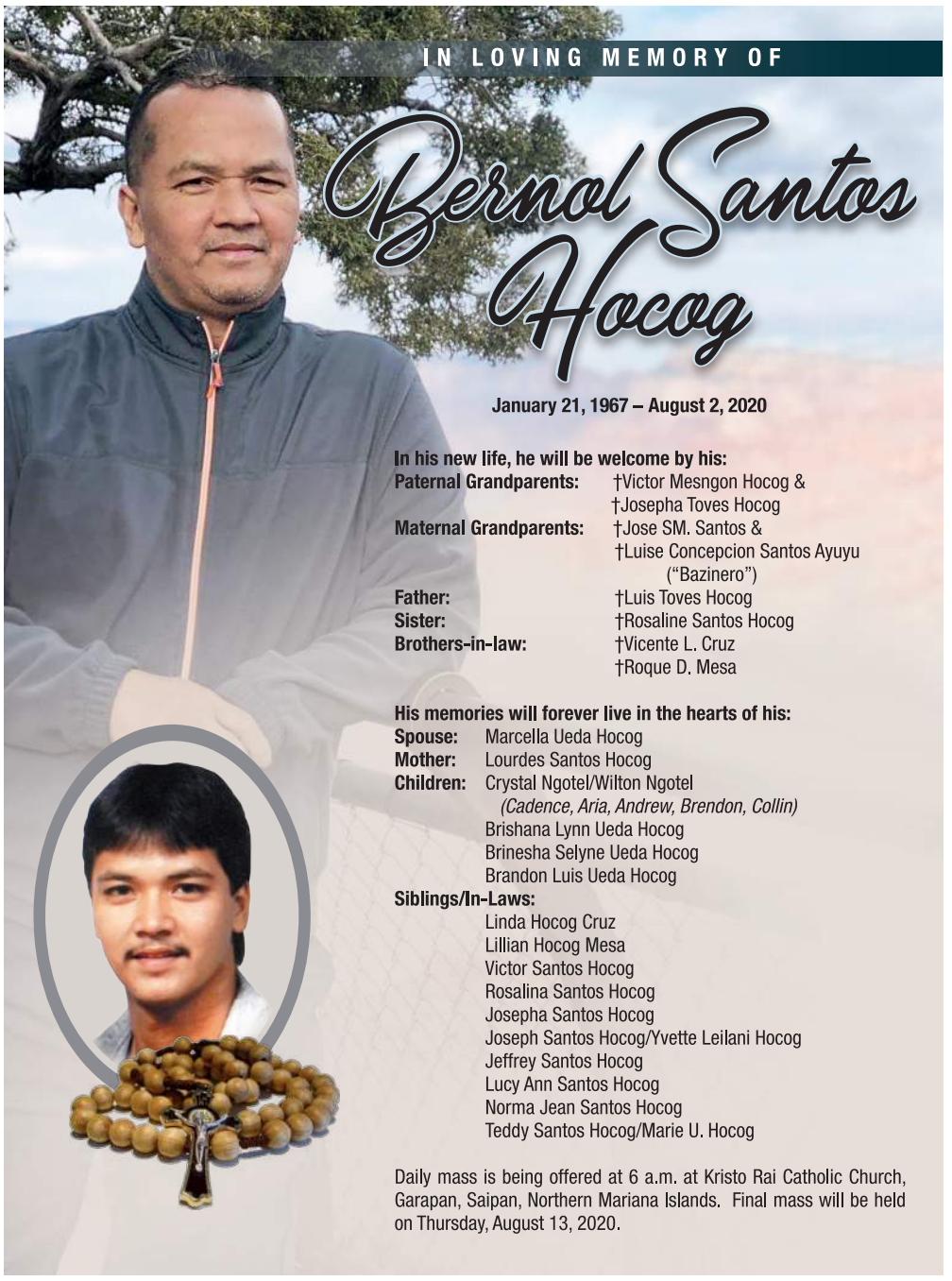
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Daily mass is being offered at 6 a.m. at Kristo Rai Catholic Church, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Final mass will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

FRAUD LIST

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said this yesterday in clarifying the definition of "qualified aliens" or U.S. eligible and are actually qualified to receive this unemployment assistance.

In a statement, the CNMI Department of Labor said the misidentification may have been made by mistake or on purpose. Either way, they are now on the fraud list for investigation and are being or will be asked to pay back the amount received or be sanctioned following the identified CNMI protocols.

The department reiterated over the weekend federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the definition of a "qualified alien" and other eligibility guidance regarding the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs.

Both PUA and FPUC are programs created by the U.S. Congress under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020. These federal programs are funded by the U.S. government and are regulated by the Public Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The PRWORA provides that only "qualified aliens" are eligible to receive federal public benefits.

A "qualified alien" is defined as:

- An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
- An alien who has been granted asylum;
- A lawfully admitted refugee;
- An alien paroled into the United States;
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under federal laws;
- An alien who is granted conditional entry due to being the spouse or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
- An alien who is a Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in federal law regarding refugees; or
- An alien who is a battered alien meeting the requirements of 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

A CNMI-Only Transitional Worker or CW-1 is a specific program that allows employers in the CNMI to apply for temporary permission to employ foreign, non-immigrant workers who would otherwise be ineligible to work under other nonimmigrant categories.

CNMI DOL reiterates that CW-1 workers are not eligible for PUA and FPUC under the federally funded programs of the CARES Act, as stated by USDOL.

To report a potential overpayment case to the Benefit Payment Control Unit at the Department of Labor, the contact telephone numbers are (670)322-9943 or 322-9944 or email bpc.cnmidol@gmail.com. After a thorough investigation and audit, the Benefit Payment Control Unit will process a Notice of Overpayment stating the total amount owed and the reason of determination.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, and other CNMI leaders have expressed their support for CW eligibility, but Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) recently reaffirmed USDOL's ruling that CW workers are not eligible.

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Department is standing firm that the CNMI's foreign workforce is not eligible for PUA, and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program—both temporary unemployment assistance programs under the CARES Act of 2020.

In a letter to Sablan, U.S. Labor deputy assistant secretary Joe Wheeler stated that having a CW-1 status is not basis enough to make CW workers eligible for the unemployment compensation benefits.

According to Wheeler, PUA and FPUC both are paid entirely from federal funds, and, therefore, each is a "federal public benefit."

U.S. Labor further explained that the eligibility of aliens, such as CW-1 workers, for federal public benefits, including PUA and FPUC, is governed by the Public Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Under PRWORA, "qualified aliens" include aliens who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence; been granted asylum; lawfully admitted refugee; paroled into the United States; or whose deportation is being withheld under federal laws.

It also include aliens who are granted conditional entry due to being the spouse or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in federal law regarding refugees; or who are battered aliens meeting the requirements of 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

CW-1 workers, U.S. Labor explained, may be permitted to enter the CNMI provided certain conditions are met, and are to be treated as nonimmigrants, as described in the Immigration and Nationality Act. "Therefore, the CW-1 worker is not an alien 'lawfully admitted for permanent residence,' and unless the alien falls under another category of qualified aliens, they would not meet the definition of 'qualified alien' under PRWORA."

"As a result, CW-1 workers are not eligible for…benefits under federally funded programs under the CARES Act on the basis of CW-1 status alone," Wheeler added.

The delegate, in response to the decision, stated that it is unfortunate that the department is "choosing to ignore the PUA eligibility clauses in the CARES Act and is administering the program in a manner contrary to the very intent of the CARES Act," which is to provide assistance to workers displaced by the pandemic.

"This is a bad decision. It creates a hardship for the unemployed workers; and it means the loss of millions of dollars to the Marianas economy and lost government tax revenues," Sablan added.

In June, Sablan reached out to U.S. Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia to share his concern about the CW-1 workers' exclusion under the CARES Act program, citing humanitarian hardships that it could cause.

Extreme drought persists in NMI

Recent rains on Tinian and Saipan have mitigated the persistent drought in the CNMI but only enough for the drought status to be improved from "exceptional" to "extreme."

According to an advisory last Friday from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, rainfall has been near-adequate for most locations being monitored by the National Weather Service in Guam but still well below normal for Kapingamarangi, an atoll in Pohnpei of the Federated States of Micronesia, where severe drought persists, and across the CNMI, where extreme drought persists on Rota, Tinian and Saipan.

A number of weather features brought much needed rain to most islands across the region the last couple weeks. Passing upper-level lows and troughs, or TUTT cells, and weak disturbances brought showers to western Micronesia and the Marianas, while a waning intertropical convergent zone with embedded surface troughs brought showers to the eastern FSM and the Marshall Islands.

Officials across the CNMI report water levels are still above thresholds for concern.

Passing TUTT cells and weak disturbances passing near the region should provide near or above adequate rainfall for the CNMI, allowing for continued drought improvement. Nearby upper-level features will be key in locally higher rainfall totals for some areas. Current 10-day rainfall totals indicate around 3 inches of rain for Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. ***(PR)***

Audition call for FOA production

The Friends of the Arts will be presenting at the end of August a virtual presentation of playwright Rebecca Salomonsson's *Tragedians Anonymous: Shakespeare's tragic characters in therapy – virtually*, an educational, comedic and virtual production.

The production is looking for both production performers and production researchers/presenters. The research is part of the educational component which will focus on the production's characters and William Shakespeare. This is a Virtual Production, which means the cast will work from home. Even memorization is optional. If you are interested in participating, send to eastonaa@hotmail.com. Include your phone number and whether you are interested in performing or research and presenting.

This virtual masterpiece is a fantastic comic send-up and tribute to Shakespeare's tragedies that also re-familiarizes us with the storylines and characters of some of Shakespeare's greatest works. It ends up that even Shakespeare's characters are in lock-down! Forced to remain in isolation until further notice, four tragic characters make time to join a self-help group, virtually of course! Tragic characters Ophelia, Lady Anne, Romeo, and Juliet, seek support at the Tragedians Anonymous group led by Prospero, where the meeting's theme is "Identify those who wrong us and those who we wrong." In this smart, laugh-out-loud comedy that's also quite educational, the characters proceed to confront the other characters in their plays. They're also forced to face their Fatal Flaws, who come to life onstage!

The Friends of the Arts invites you to be a part of this production. Contact FOA President Harold Easton at eastonaa@hotmail.com and join us in providing this virtual entertainment for the community. ***(PR)***

Registration ongoing for NMC's fall sem

Registration for Northern Marianas College's fall 2020 semester is currently ongoing until Aug. 22, 2020. For the upcoming semester, the college will be offering most, or about 90%, of its classes through online or virtual platforms. A few classes, or about 10% of the classes, will have a face to face component. The first day of classes is on Aug. 17, 2020.

Applications for admissions, as well as other information relating to enrolling at NMC, can be found on NMC's website at www.marianas.edu. Supporting documents (i.e. transcripts from institutions previously attended, health evaluation form, and a copy of a valid photo I.D.) must be turned in within 60 calendar days of submitting the admission application.

New and ongoing students who need financial aid can also apply for the Federal Student Aid program, which provides financial assistance of up to $6,345 to those who meet certain eligibility criteria. Students are asked to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form to determine eligibility.

NMC admissions staff are also available for a virtual or face-to-face appointment. An appointment can be scheduled with any of the persons listed below:

Lisa Rafael
Admissions Counselor
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Jennifer Fejeran-Hanson
Records Administrator https://jenniferfejeran.youcanbook.me/
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Students who have any questions about financial aid can any of NMC's financial aid staff below:

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For class schedules and information about NMC's fall 2020 semester, visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Record of Decision for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS

Notice of Availability

The U.S. Navy, after carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, announces the release of the Record of Decision to continue training and testing activities within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) Study Area.

Record of Decision

The Record of Decision documents the Navy's decision to continue training and testing activities within the Study Area as described in the MITT Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS under Alternative 2, the Preferred Alternative.

The Navy made its decision after considering the potential impacts training and testing activities may have on the human, natural, and cultural environments, as well as comments from elected officials, government agencies, organizations, and the public on the proposal and environmental analysis.

The Navy is committed to being a good steward of the environment and will implement mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts from training and testing.

For More Information

The Record of Decision, Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, and supporting documents are available online at www.MITT-EIS.com.

The Record of Decision has been sent to mayors' offices in the villages of Hagåtña, Mangilao, and Dededo on Guam, and mayors' offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for public viewing.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 090 D 01 containing an area of approximately 3,000 square meters, more or less, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is D & W Saipan, Inc. The list of officers for D & W Saipan Inc., are Hyeon Kyu Lee, as President/Director, Ei Sook Kim Lee, as Vice-President/Director, and Sung Soo Lim, as Secretary/Director.

iii. The proposed Extension Agreement and Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of D & W Saipan, Inc., mainly Hyeon Kyu Lee and Sung Soo Lim.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of sales and services of general automotive products, including but not limited to fuel products auto inspection, office, and warehouse space necessary to conduct business and other related purposes.

The term of the proposed lease extension agreement is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed Extension Agreement and Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 21, 2020 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA INEKSTENDIN ATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku ha nå'i nutisia guini put i intension-ña ni para u na ma'atkila palu na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas Siha. I manintiresåo na petsona siha gi halum pupbliku henerål siña muna'na'halum upiñon, imfotmasion, pat testimoñiun kinentra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mås mo'na mapribeniyi ni Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i sigienti na pettanesi na imfotmasion ni madimånda ni para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 090 D 01 ni ha kunsisisti i åria gi kåsi guaha 3,000 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Gualo Rai, iya Saipan. I kopian i pumalu managuaha gi Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website www.dpl.gov.mp para rinikonosimientu.

ii. The prospective lessee i D & W Saipan, Inc. I listan ufisiåt siha para D & W Saipan Inc., si Hyeon Kyu Lee, komu Presidenti/Direktot, si Ei Sook Kim Lee, komu Sigundu Presidenti/Direktot, yan si Sung Soo Lim, komu Sekritåriu/Direktot.

iii. I maproponi na Kuntråtan Inekstendin yan Sigundu na Amenda para i Kuntråtan Atkilon ha tåttitiyi i regulasión DPL yan manigosiu ni ufisiåt yan direktot nu i D & W Saipan, Inc., mayotmenti si Hyeon Kyu Lee yan si Sung Soo Lim.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt para atyu ha' na rason nu mambendi yan nu "general automotive products," ingklusu låo ti chi'ña para "fuel products auto inspection," ufisina, o sino "warehouse space" nisisåriu para u makundukta i bisnis yan ottru manasosiåt na rason.

I tema nu i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon inekstendi sa kinsi (15) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilu gi kada' såkkan gi durånti i teman i kontråtan atkilon mapega gi pusientus nu i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i propiu na pusentun i Risibun Hina'halum Bisnis gi halum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian i maproponi na Kuntråtan Inekstendi yan i Sigundu na Amenda para i Kuntråtan Atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi Sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan, Saipan, gi primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong na sengsong, Luta; pat gi primet (1st) na bibiendan i King's Commercial Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia managuaha lokkui' gi online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya' ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para u ma'atkila masuhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Gualo Rai, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, imfotmasion, testimoniun kinentra pat tinahguin priniponi ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 21, 2020 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL SÓBWEEYTÁL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Llól abwungubwungúl fengál me Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer toulap isiis arongorong reel aar itittiw ngáli atkkilóónol ákkåáw faluweer toulap llól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng llól Marianas. Aramasal toulap ikka re tipáli rebwe isiisilong ischil mángemáng, data, views, ngáre angiingi reel pommw ikka ra siiweli ngáli atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Alléghúl Toulap 15-2 ebwal ayoorai, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw e ffil ebwe bwal akkatééwow.

i. Pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap iye re óleghi igha nge Lot 090 D 01 iye e bwáá bwe 3,000 square meters, elapeló ngáre eghus, e lo Gualo Rai, Seipél. Pappidil bwuléy eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóól website www.dpl.gov.mp reel ubwe amwuri.

ii. Prospective lessee nge D & W Saipan, Inc. List-al officers ngáli D & W Saipan Inc., nge Hyeon Kyu Lee, bwe President/Director, Ei Sook Kim Lee, bwe Vice-President/Director, me Sung Soo Lim, bwe Sekkretóóriyo/Director.

iii. Pommwol Abwungubwung iye e Láálåáyló me Aruwooowal Liiwel ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge e tipifool fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me e ppwolsángi officers me directors-il D & W Saipan, Inc., spesiatemente Hyeon Kyu Lee me Sung Soo Lim.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá bwuléy ngáli akkaméélól me angaangil "general automotive products", e bwal schuulong nge ese mwutch ngáli "fuel products auto inspection", bwulasiyo, me "warehouse space" iye e ffil ngáli rebwe ffééru mwóghutughutúl "business" me ákkåáw mwóghut ikka e toolong.

Pommwol abwungubwungúl láálåáyil atkkilóón nge seigh me limoow ráágh.

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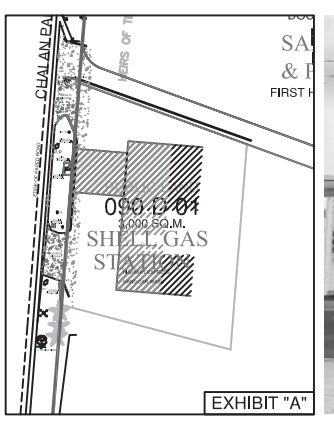
v. Pappidil pommwol Láálåáyil Abwungubwung me Aruwoowal Liiwel ngáli Pommwol Atkkilóón emmwelil ubwe bweibwogh me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, Sóóbwol Songsong, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommwol siiwel ngáli faluweer toulap iye rebwe atkkilaay me Gualo Rai, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap re bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi ngáre pommwol siiwel sángi schóó kka re mwuschel isiisilong wóól ngáre mmwalil Elúwel 21, 2020 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye e Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



Caution in use of term 'recovered' from COVID-19

With lots of noise in the community on why the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. doesn't post how many people have recovered from COVID-19, Esther Muña, CHCC chief executive officer, said that the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that they need to be cautious about what is considered "recovered."

"CDC guidelines actually state that we need to be cautious about stating that. … While some jurisdictions post it, we ought not to, again because of that definition of what is 'recovered,'" said Muña.

She added that the Commonwealth Health Center has seen cases of individuals who are considered "recovered," yet the virus is still there when they are tested with the polymerase chain reaction test that looks for current infection. Muña stated that the definition for recovered patients is hard to define, and the CDC says that they need to be cautious in using that term.

"What we do is we test them. …After two tests that show that they [are] negative, then we release them. And some people have been released even after 30 days of isolation but they're still showing positive," said Muña.

Additionally, under CDC guidelines, how long a person is in isolation can determine if they are still infectious or not. "Yes, that's what CDC is saying. …For example, they've been identified after the fifth day of testing, then you have another 14 days of isolation, and then you test them [again]. …Some have stayed within the isolation area beyond the 21 days," said Muña. "But again, in the discussion of our medical provider with CDC, the determination is that they're not considered infectious [and] they are released."

Muña added that if CDC says that they are not ready to be released, they won't be released but if the CDC says they are considered not infective, then the individual gets released.

Additionally, community testing has been ongoing for individuals who need to be tested, and not individuals who want to get tested the second time around. Muña stated that there have been no positive cases—"knock on wood"—so far. ***(Justine Nauta)***

3 CNMI students complete summer leadership seminar

Three CNMI students recently completed the Summer Leadership Seminar hosted by the ROTC program of the Northern Marianas College.

Leon Guerrero

Biton

The three recently graduated high school seniors spent the summer honing their leadership abilities through a series of virtual engagements and challenges with the ROTC program's four leadership coaches, who have a combined 90 years of professional leadership experience.

The students include Julia Biton, who graduated from Tinian High School this year, and Zachary Leon Guerrero and Tyrell Ngewakl, who both graduated from Marinas High School in June.

Reflecting on her Summer Leadership Seminar experience, Biton said, "It has allowed me to experience new things I wouldn't have done myself and move forward with working on my future goals. It truly helped me with assessing my weaknesses and improve as an individual."

The coaches developed the students' leadership abilities by using a coaching model created by the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, NC.

Ngewaki

Leon Guerrero noted, "I learned that even though we are struggling a lot in life [due to the pandemic], we must not let that mindset ruin us and bring us down. No matter what happens in life, we make mistakes only to learn from them."

All three of the recent high school graduates have taken the next step in their academic journeys by registering for classes this fall at NMC.

Ngewakl said that the best thing about this seminar "is that I was always able to improve every single time, every single day." And with hard work and determination, all three students will continue their development as future leaders for their islands and the CNMI.

NMC's ROTC program is the premiere leadership development program in the CNMI, producing dynamic leaders for the CNMI, the Pacific, and the United States of America. For more information about NMC's ROTC program and the upcoming fall 2020 semester, visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Rotaract Club looking for new members

The Rotaract Club of Saipan held its first meeting last week with newly elected officers and members of the club, with the discussion focused on possible projects, including seeking new members.

"[The] ideas we shared include fundraisers, career development programs, island enhancement projects, connecting to the global community, and fellowship opportunities," said Rotaract Club president Keoni Hosono. "Our members will be planning out each of our projects. We are currently opening up our membership to give the community the opportunity to connect with us and learn about what we are doing and why we do what we do."

One must be 18-30 years old to be a Rotaract member. The local Rotaract Club is essentially the youth arm of the Rotary Club of Saipan. Its varied units are Club Service, International Service, Professional Development, and Finance.

The club is also looking at ways to enhance the community and the environment. "We will have a more concrete plan as we continue to meet and iron out details. As of right now, we will continue to volunteer at community functions as well as help beautify our islands."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rotaract Club has adopted hybrid platforms for meetings and discussions. "This also makes it easy for anyone to join us. Also our club has always [adhered to] safety measures every time," Hosono added. ***(Chevy Alipio)***

4.3-magnitude quake on Pagan

At 5:06pm on Aug. 6 2020, a report of a 4.3-magnitude earthquake occurred on Pagan in the Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, no Tsunami warnings or advisories are issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000. ***(PR)***

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Notice of Program Availability
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – COVID

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) wishes to announce the availability of the ESG-COVID program made possible through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As stated on the Office of the Governor's Press Release, dated July 19, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the CNMI a total allocation of $1,090,630 in ESG-COVID funds to provide financial assistance for CNMI households, specifically for rental assistance, rental arrears, utility allowance, and security and utility deposits. The assistance period is for a total of (12) months and will be on a first come, first serve basis. NMHC has allocated 25% of the grant for the elderly and disabled population. The purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)-COVID program is to assist individuals and families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Eligibility Criteria
- Must be impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic (e.g. furloughed, reduction of hours, living in substandard conditions which poses an increased risk of exposure to the disease, etc.)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien
- Must meet the income limits (less than 50% of the area median income). See FY 2020 HUD income limits below
- Must be literally homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless and have no other housing options

Application Steps
- Pick up a pre-application at the NMHC Offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota or print an application made available on the NMHC website at www.nmhcgov.net. Link: https://nmhcgov.net/resources/files/2020%20ESG%20Pre-application%20V2%20updated%2006_29_20.pdf
- Once the pre-application is completed and submitted to the NMHC Offices, the case workers will assess the pre-application and determine whether the applicant is eligible for the program. If the applicant is eligible, the case worker will schedule an appointment and immediately notify the applicant on the date and time of intake. If an applicant is deemed ineligible, a notification will be sent to the applicant.
- The case worker will inform the eligible applicant of the next steps once the application process has been completed.

If you have already applied for the ESG-COVID program, the NMHC case workers are currently assessing your pre-applications and you will be contacted for the next steps. Furthermore, NMHC will continue to distribute applications until Friday, August 14, 2020, and because we have already exceeded our projected number of families to be assisted, NMHC will STOP accepting applications on Friday, August 21, 2020, 4:30 pm until further notice. Should you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact Zenie Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director, Tricia Tenorio, Planner, or Sweetielyn Sokau, Planning Assistant, at the 234-6866/7689/9447.

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Notice of Program Availability
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)– COVID (Second Allocation)

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) wishes to announce the availability of the CDBG-COVID program made possible through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As stated on the Office of the Governor's Press Release, dated July 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the CNMI a total allocation of $274,635 in CDBG-COVID funds to provide emergency housing assistance, specifically mortgage assistance, for CNMI households experiencing financial hardship, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Eligibility Criteria
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Qualified Alien;
- Must be employed or have income;
- Gross Household Income must be less than 80% of the NMI Area Median Income (AMI) for FY 2020 as determined by HUD;
- Must be impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic (e.g. reduction of hours, furloughed but receiving income such as PUA);
- Must show proof of delinquency on a mortgage.
- HUD or NMHC Assisted Loan Borrowers (e.g. HOME Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program) will not qualify as this will be considered a duplication of benefits.
- SBA or USDA RD borrowers must first avail of their respective programs' COVID-19 assistance.

Information on the CDBG-CV Mortgage Assistance
- First come, first serve basis;
- Qualified Households will be assisted for a maximum of 3 months;
- If a household is more than 3 months delinquent with their mortgage, they must first pay the outstanding balance above the 3 months' delinquency amount before the assistance is given;
- NMHC will pay the lending institution directly;
- The assistance will be in the amount of up to $900/month for a period of 3 months.

Application Steps
- Pick up a pre-application at the NMHC Offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota or print an application made available on the NMHC website at www.nmhcgov.net
- Once the pre-application is completed and submitted to the NMHC Offices, the case workers will assess the pre-application and determine whether the applicant is eligible for the program. If the applicant is eligible, the case worker will schedule an appointment and immediately notify the applicant on the date and time of intake. If an applicant is deemed ineligible, a notification will be sent to the applicant.
- The case worker will inform the eligible applicant of the next steps once the application process has been completed.

Please note that if you have already applied for the CDBG-COVID program, our case workers are continuously working on case assessments and you will be contacted for the next steps. Furthermore, NMHC will continue to distribute applications and will STOP accepting applications when the projected number of borrowers to be assisted has been reached. The public will be informed of the last day for application acceptance. Should you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact the Mortgage and Credit Division at 234-6866/7689/9447.

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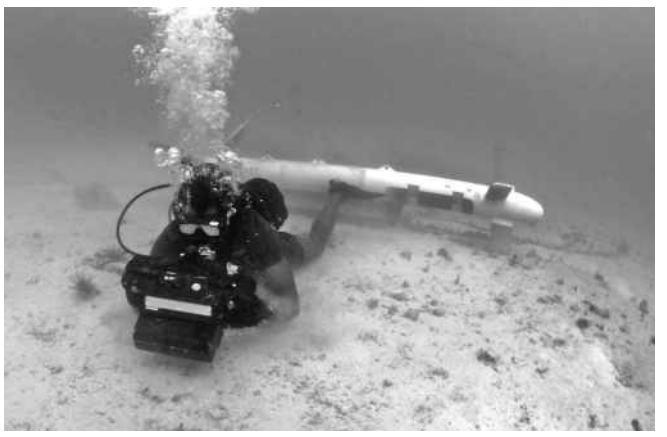
Navy opts for Alternative 2 for Marianas training

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Department of the Navy announced Friday its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative, Alternative 2, to continue training and testing activities within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area.

Alternative 2—as described in the MITT Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement—will allow the Navy, other U.S. military services, and the U.S. Coast Guard to fully meet current and future training and testing requirements.

The Navy made its decision after considering its strategic and operational needs; the potential impacts training and testing activities may have on human, natural, and cultural environments; and comments from elected officials, government agencies, organizations, and the public on the proposal and environmental analysis. The Navy considered comments received following the publication of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. New and major substantive comments were addressed in the Record of Decision.



Explosive Ordinance Disposal 2nd Class Adam Pierce assigned to Explosive Ordinance Disposal Mobile Unit 1, tests an underwater imaging system device after locating an airborne mine countermeasures device. EODMU-1 is deployed to Commander, Task Group 56.1 providing mine countermeasures, explosive ordinance disposal, salvage-diving, counter-terrorism, and force protection in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. U.S. NAVY/JAYME PASTORIC

The Navy is committed to being a good steward of the environment and will continue to implement mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts from training and testing. In addition, the Navy will continue to work with its valued partners in the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands and Guam in an enduring process to share information and address concerns.

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The Record of Decision, Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, and supporting documents are available online at www.MITT-EIS.com. Printed copies of the Record of Decision have been sent to mayors' offices in the villages of Hagåtña, Mangilao, and Dededo in Guam, and mayors' offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for public viewing. ***(PR)***

Alternatives Evaluated

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives to achieve the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action. The Navy evaluated the potential environmental impacts of three alternatives, including a No Action Alternative.

Alternative 1

■ Adjusts the types and levels of training and testing activities to meet current and future military readiness requirements.

■ Consists of activities and requirements associated with development, testing, and introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems.

■ Reduces the amount of active sonar estimated to be necessary to meet training requirements.

Alternative 2 (Preferred Alternative)

■ Includes all activities under Alternative 1.

■ Includes additional events should unanticipated emergent world events require increased readiness levels.

No Action Alternative

■ No authorizations or permits would be issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

■ Proposed at-sea and FDM training and testing activities would not be conducted.

■ Strike warfare (dropping of ordnance) on FDM would not be conducted.

■ Other military activities not associated with Proposed Action would continue.

■ Purpose and need would not be met. ***(PR)***

Source: https://www.mitt-eis.com/Proposed-Action#813236-alternatives

KILILI DONATION
Mount Carmel School thanks Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) for his recent donation of 40 boxes of books as MCS prepares for the 2020-2021 school year. MCS president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero was on hand to receive the donation from Sablan's congressional staff. Although slots are limited, MCS is accepting applications for open grade-levels. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Man in fake document case found guilty

A federal jury on Thursday found a man guilty of conspiring with another to illegally produce an identification document.

After deliberating a few hours, the jurors found Youzhe Piao guilty of one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce an identification document. He will be sentenced on Dec. 18, 2020 at 9am. Piao was allowed to maintain free until his sentencing.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered the U.S. Probation Office to submit a pre-sentence investigation report.

Colin Thompson served as the court-appointed counsel for Piao. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe prosecuted the case.

The three-day trial started Tuesday.

The prosecution presented in court, among other documents, forged U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services receipt and Piao's CNMI driver's license application packets.

According to the indictment, Piao committed the offense between May 13 and 16, 2017. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 02-2020

Opening date: July 22, 2020 **Closing date: August 11, 2020**

Positions: (1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Rota)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the ***CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport***. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-20-006

Archaeological Services for S19-068 Construction of Island Wide Sewerline Replacement (Lower MIHA) & W19-070 Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from Archaeologists or firms that meet the U.S. Department of Interior qualifications (36CFR61) to create a work plan, to prepare information, data and documentation needed to conduct Section 106 Review of the National Historic Preservation Act for FY19 for the construction of a sewerline replacement in Lower MIHA & the construction of a waterline replacement in San Antonio, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval of the USEPA.

The projects have been broken down into the following detail:

S19-068 Construction of Island Wide Sewerline Replacement (Lower MIHA) – This project proposes to install approximately 700 linear feet of new 8-inch gravity sewer pipe in order to abandon an existing collapsed sewerline that was installed on private property. The project includes the installation of new manholes and the reconnection of existing sewer service laterals to the new sewer main.

W19-070 Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement – The project aims to upgrade and replace the existing ACP distribution main in San Antonio Village. This project will install about 2.1 miles of new 6-inch distribution main and .50 miles of 4-inch distribution main. The project will also include the replacement of all fire hydrants, gate valves, relocation and reconnection of existing service laterals, installation of new flush hydrants, air release valves, and asphalt road restoration.

The scope of Archaeological Services will include, but not be limited to:

1. Conducting the necessary research and fieldwork that represents a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties, to include archaeological resources, as set out in the regulations 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1):
   a. Background research design and work plan;
   b. Archival background information;
   c. Sample field investigation, and field survey;
   d. Past planning, research and studies;
   e. The magnitude and nature of the undertaking;
   f. The degree of federal involvement;
   g. The nature and extent of potential effects on historic properties within the APE;
   h. The likely nature, identification and location of historic properties within the APE; and,
   i. Create a mitigation plan to resolve adverse effects.

2. Preparation of the necessary reports and letters for submittal to various federal and local resource agencies to address environmental requirements of Section 106 to completely secure concurrence for the projects ready for construction.

3. Deliverables
   a. 2 copies of the final report for review and approval to HPO and CUC, and
   b. Map showing the location of identified historic properties which would assist with alignment of the new waterline and sewerline to avoid such properties.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the PROPOSAL must be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE marked *"CUC-RFP-20-006: Archaeological Services For Construction of Island Wide Sewerline Replacement (Lower MIHA) & Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the RFP requirements in the course of proposer's preparation of the RFP under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the RFP under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2020** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer, via email address nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFP, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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EDITORIAL

Congress—stop arguing and make a deal to protect Americans now

It is all too typical for Washington lawmakers to operate on their own timetables without recognizing that Americans in big cities and small towns throughout the nation have lives to live.

This is the problem with negotiations over another pandemic relief package. Months have passed since House Democrats passed their proposal. Since then the White House, the House and Senate have waged a frustrating war of words.

In the meantime, millions of Americans have lost jobs and are trying to figure out how to pay bills, keep from being evicted and make the choice between food and medicine.

Americans don't ask for much, just that our elected officials work on our behalf.

Between the Federal Reserve and the Treasury, the federal government has injected trillions of dollars to keep the economy from crashing and burning. Congress needs to provide an additional economic assistance package with these three principles in mind.

One of the most discussed holdups is the sort of thing a functional Congress would resolve quickly. Democrats want to extend another $600 a week in federal unemployment payments to the unemployed. Republicans think that amount, combined with state unemployment checks, discourages people from returning to work and have offered $200 instead.

We can get caught up in that debate, but a compromise between the two numbers should hardly be tough to reach.

It's also true that not all of those currently receiving unemployment benefits will have a jobs to return to, and that the economy, and small businesses in particular, aren't operating anywhere near full capacity. Unemployed workers need assistance. However, a lower federal benefit would encourage those who can work to work, and help ensure that those who can't can survive.

The second principle is to take care of small businesses better than the earlier assistance act, which left needy small businesses squeezed out of certain loans and grants. Small businesses are the underappreciated spine of our economy, providing goods and services that support neighborhoods.

Keeping private employers like these in business is essential to an overall economic recovery, a point stressed in a letter signed by more than 100 CEOs from some of America's largest companies, who implored Congress to provide longer-term relief to small businesses.

The third principle is a real-world dilemma that no one wants to talk about. The federal government can't take on endless debt, and all of us must be clear-eyed about the economic toll that fighting the coronavirus will have on future generations. Much of this spending is necessary and hopefully buys time for the nation to get beyond the pandemic's destruction. But there is a cost: That rising debt will squeeze out other national priorities and investments.

If Congress doesn't act immediately, more jobs will be lost, more small businesses will fail and the recovery will be longer and more elusive.

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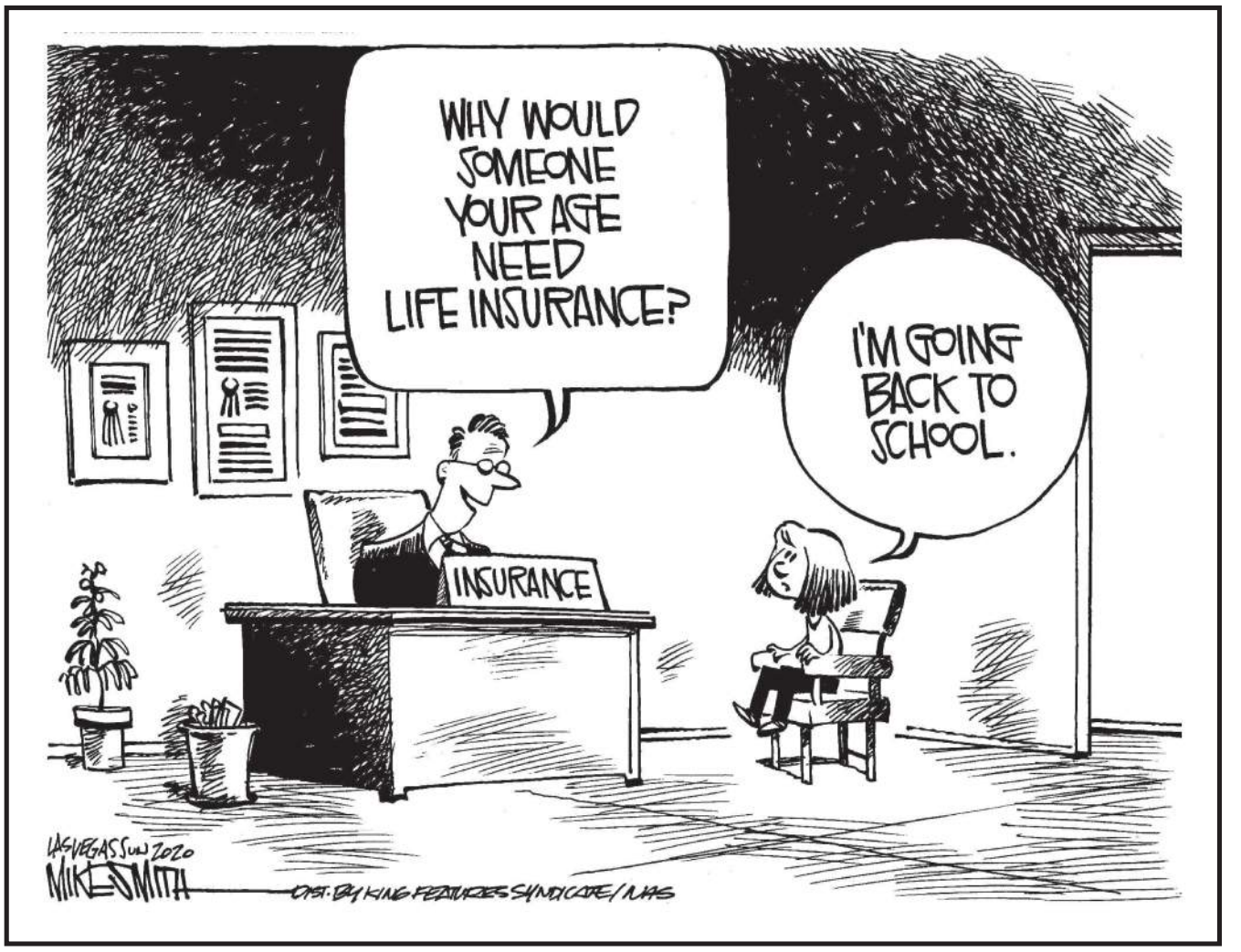
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Politicians need a refresher course in how government works

By KAY C. JAMES
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The two biggest events of 2020 have exposed a frightening fact: A passing grade in civics class wasn't a prerequisite for many of our political leaders to get elected to public office. Their embarrassing ignorance about the roles of state and local governments versus the federal government when it comes to handling riots and pandemics shows that they desperately need a refresher course in American Federalism 101.

That ignorance was recently on display as Attorney General William Barr testified before Congress about the administration's decision to send federal law enforcement agents into Portland, Oregon, and other cities to tamp down violent riots.

In the hearing, U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) accused the attorney general of taking an aggressive approach in Portland and elsewhere because the administration sent federal agents there to stop rioters while failing to break up protests in the spring against Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her stay-at-home orders.

Rep. Jayapal claimed that the difference in responses was racially motivated, saying, "When white men with swastikas storm a government building with guns (in Michigan), there is no need for the president to 'activate you' because they're getting the president's agenda done. When black people and people of color protest police brutality, systemic racism, and the president's own lack of response to those issues, then you forcibly remove them with armed federal officers."

Aside from the fact that no one actually "stormed" the Capitol in Michigan and that the Michigan protests never devolved into violence or destruction like the riots in Portland, Ms. Jayapal displayed a stunning lack of understanding of how her own government works.

Ditto for her other colleagues like U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), who said to Barr, "You did not send in a secret police force on horseback to unleash tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets against these protesters storming the state Capitol of Michigan ... No, you embraced it."

Apparently, our federal officials don't understand that the attorney general is responsible for protecting federal assets, not state property, and that Michigan authorities are responsible for handling Michigan protests, so long as federal laws aren't broken. Federal agents can only carry out counter-riot operations if they're protecting federal property or if they're invited by state or local law enforcement to assist them. Neither condition existed in Michigan.

Unfortunately, Jayapal and other members so frequently interrupted the attorney general during the hearing and "reclaimed their time" before he could answer their questions that they missed a much-needed lesson on how their government operates.

Hearings are supposed to be a time to hear from witnesses. That's why they're called "hearings." With all the showboating, not only did members of Congress miss the civics lesson, the American people and the truth were done a great disservice.

But such ignorance about the divided roles of governments wasn't limited to last week. It's been on vivid display during the pandemic, too.

The American people have watched as certain governors have repeatedly blamed the federal government for failing to do enough to combat the virus when, in reality, many of the responsibilities actually rest with the governors themselves.

While many people incorrectly assume that the federal government is the all-powerful fixer of everything, in fact, states have the power to declare mask-wearing mandates, shutdowns, reopening schedules and other temporary edicts to curb the spread of the virus. The federal government's role is more one of providing things like coordination, data on the spread, funding and regulatory relief to remove obstacles to effective response.

In many states, though, we've seen the separation of powers properly play out. The pandemic has shown the advantages of having divided authority versus a more centralized, one-size-fits-all national government approach. America's federalist system has enabled a flexible approach to responding to a virus that has had widely varying effects in communities across the country.

In our republic, the federal government was never supposed to have all the power or make all the decisions. The states—being closer to the people—are more responsive and accountable to

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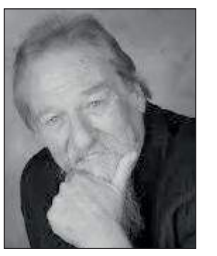
Aug. 9, 1945: The decisive mission

By DON FARRELL
Special to the Saipan Tribune



Don Farrell is author of the acclaimed book Tinian and The Bomb*, available on line at https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07BMTVF1K*

Tuesday morning, Aug. 7, 1945; the skies around Tinian were filled with ominous thunderheads. An early flight from Hawaii brought copies of the Honolulu Star Bulletin with the headline: Single Atomic Bomb Shakes Japan…" With no surrender message from Japan, the Project Alberta team continued to assemble the plutonium bomb nicknamed Fat Man, scheduled for dropping on Aug. 11.

That morning, Tibbets and members of his crew flew to Guam for a meeting with LeMay. Unfortunately, LeMay's weathermen in China reported there was no guarantee of clear weather after Aug. 9. Because some of the newest parts for the plutonium bomb had not yet been tested, Dr. Ramsey stated, "that Project A would try to be ready for 9 August provided that it was understood by all concerned that the advancement of the date by two fill days introduced a large measure of uncertainty…"

Soviet leader Joseph Stalin went into a fit of depression after hearing about Hiroshima. Later, when he realized that Japan had not offered to surrender, Stalin ordered his armies to attack Japanese troops in Manchuria immediately, with a goal of landing troops in Hokkaido, northernmost of the Japanese home islands, before Japan surrendered.

The next day, Aug. 8, the assembly team completed its work on Fat Man. It was towed to the loading pits and lifted into the belly of Bockscar, the strike aircraft. By early morning Aug. 9, the wind had shifted to westerly and a drizzling rain had set in. Iwo Jima could not be used for the rendezvous because of bad weather. The new rendezvous site was a little island off the south end of Japan called Yakushima. Tibbets' navigator, Dutch Van Kirk, warned that they would never make the rendezvous.

The *Bockscar* crew arrived at their aircraft at about 01:00 to begin the pre-flight checks. When Ma. Charles Sweeney, the mission commander, fired up *Bockscar* at 03:30am, the flight engineer, MSgt. John D. Kuharek, discovered that the fuel transfer pump from the auxiliary tanks to the main tanks would not work. Sweeney shut down the aircraft and the crew climbed out. After consultation with Tibbets and Purnell, everyone climbed back on board and restarted *Bockscar*. With turbulence heavy on the way north, Sweeney was forced to fly at a higher altitude, burning more fuel.

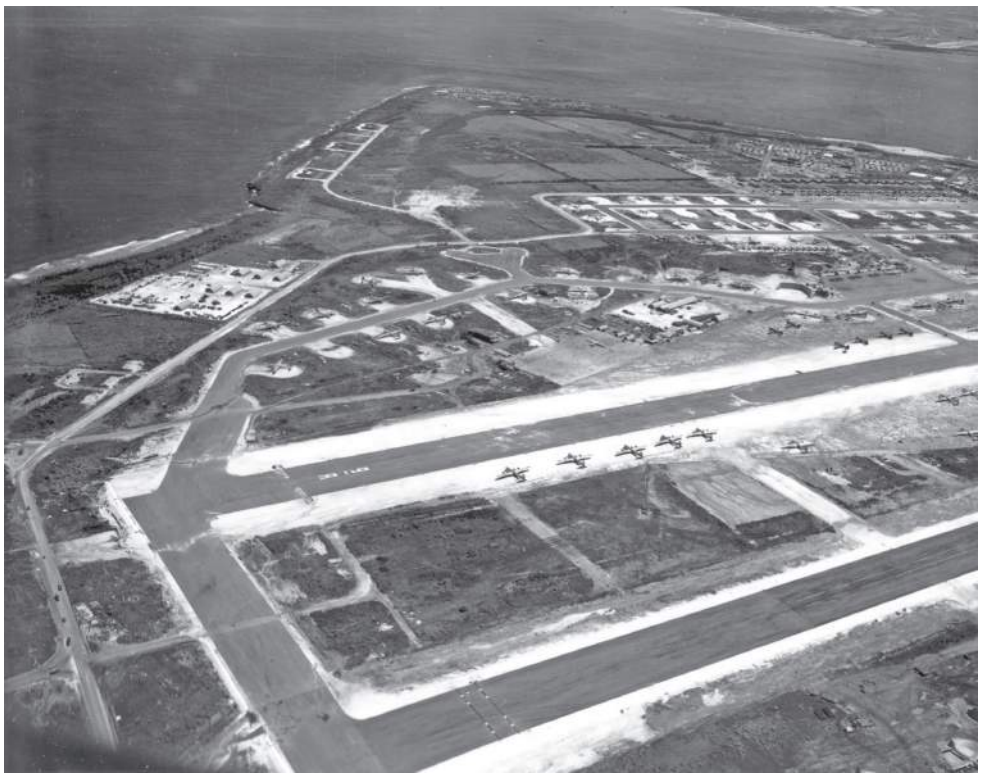
Unknown to Sweeney or anyone on Tinian, Russian troops crossed the border into Manchuria at 12:58am Manchurian time, 05:58am Tinian time. The Soviet Union had joined the war against Japan.

Sweeney arrived at Yakushima just after 09am, Aug. 9, Tinian time. Five minutes later, Fred Bock showed up in *The Great Artist* with the blast measurement devices. James Hopkins, carrying the photographic equipment, did not show. Sweeney flew in circles waiting for him. At 09: 50 Sweeney gave up and headed for Kokura, their primary target, without Hopkins. They had already burned so much fuel that a return to Tinian was out of the question.

Arriving at Kokura, Sweeney found the city covered with haze and smoke. Instead of flying directly to the secondary target, Nagasaki, Sweeney decided to circle Kokura and come in from a different angle. When that failed to find a hole in the clouds, he made another pass. With another 45 minutes of fuel burned, Kuharek advised Sweeney that returning to Iwo Jima was also now out of the question. Sweeney headed for Nagasaki, knowing they had only enough fuel to make one pass, then attempt to land at Okinawa, which only had a runway long enough for B-24s. The mission was in jeopardy, as were their lives.

Standing in the cabin of *Bockscar* behind Sweeney was Commander Dick Ashworth, the Fat Man weaponeer. Sweeney tried to assure Ashworth that they could drop the bomb by radar. Ashworth, an Annapolis "by-the-books" naval aviator, said no. Orders were orders. If they could not see the target, they would have to jettison the bomb into the ocean or try to land with it at Okinawa. Finally, Ashworth agreed to make a radar approach and hope they could find a hole in the clouds, if Nagasaki was overcast. If not, they would drop the bomb by radar.

With "Murphy's Law" ruling the day, Sweeney found Nagasaki covered with smoke and haze, and began the radar approach. Bombardier Kermit Beahan kept his eyes glued to his bomb site. At the last minute, he saw an opening in the clouds. He recognized the race track at the Nagasaki Athletic Stadium and shouted "I can see it: I've got it!" He made final adjustments and let Fat Man fall. "Bombs away!" Then corrected himself, "Bomb away!"



LEON SMITH
North Field, Tinian. This photo by Leon Smith, 509th Composite Group, shows not only the atomic bomb loading pits but also the "high tech area" where subassemblies for the bomb were completed (just to the left of the 509th B-29s, as well as the three assembly buildings just to the northwest.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Tinian chiefs of staff: From right, Rear Adm. Willian Purnell, USN; Brig. Gen. Thomas Farrell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Col. Paul Tibbets, U.S. Army Air Force; and Capt. William Parsons, USN.

Fat Man exploded at 1,650 feet above Nagasaki at 12:02pm, Tinian time.

Sweeney put *Bockscar* into the same tight, diving right-hand turn as had Tibbets, racing away from the blast.

With only three hours of fuel left and a three-hour flight to Okinawa, the crew began preparations for ditching at sea. Sweeney milked every mile out of his remaining, arriving at Okinawa after 1:30pm. Unfortunately, the Yontan airport had not received any notification of a potential B-29 landing and could not hear Sweeney's plea for clearance to land. He had the crew fire all the flares on board and made his run at the landing strip, coming in high and hot. Just before touchdown, one engine ran out of gas, causing *Bockscar* to veer toward a line of parked B-24s. Sweeney regained control, just to have another engine die from fuel starvation just after touchdown. Had it not been for their reversible propellers to help them stop, they would have gone over the cliff at the end of the short runway.

After taking on half a tank of gas and eating Spam sandwiches, *Bockscar* took off for Tinian, arriving home at 11:06pm.

There were no Klieg lights on North Field, no dignitaries. They were treated to cold leftovers and medicinal alcohol after the debriefing.

At 06:45am, Friday, Aug. 10, 1945, Tokyo time, the Japanese government transmitted its initial offer to surrender to the Swiss and Swedish embassies to be relayed to the Allied heads of state. The Nagasaki mission, even with all its problems, became "the decisive mission" for the 509th Bombardment Group.

Bockscar. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

POLITICIANS

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their constituents and can better govern according to the needs of their populations.

Those on the left want it both ways, however. They want the federal government to be big and far-reaching when it's doing things they like, but weak and impotent when it comes to performing roles they don't like, such as preserving law and order when those they politically align with are working to upend it.

Maybe it's time that they cracked open a civics book so they could understand the genius that made the American system the envy of the world. Perhaps if they understood it better, they would be less inclined to side with those who actually want to destroy the fruits it has created.

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Fat Man being loaded into *Bockscar*.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly sunny with isolated showers.
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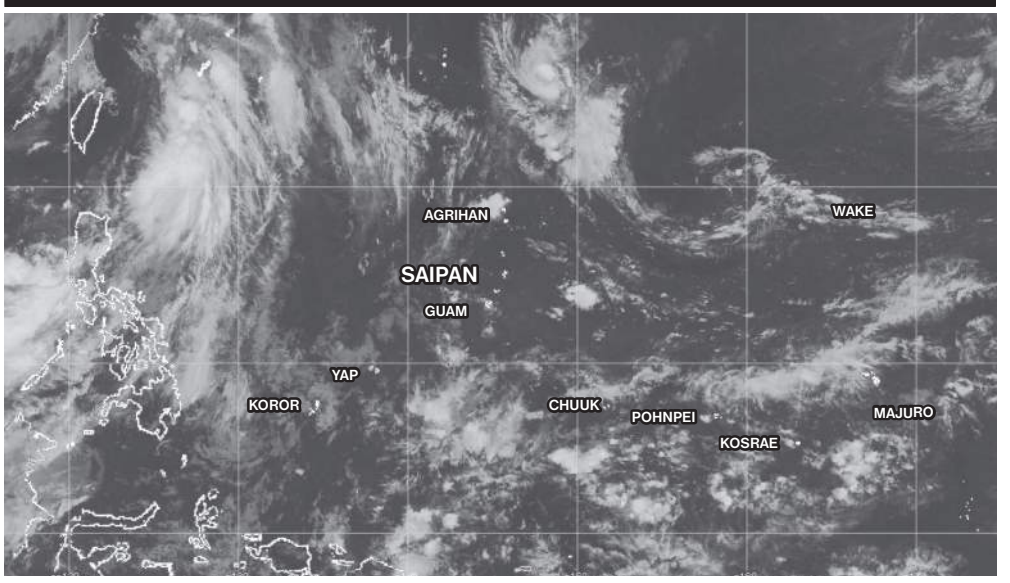

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak disturbance will pass through Guam and the Northern Marianas through Monday that could increase showers and thunderstorms across the region. Another disturbance is possible around the middle of the week. A gradual weakening of surface winds across the region that would increase the likelihood of daytime thunderstorms between Tuesday and Thursday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Sunny	87° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:41 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:05 AM	11:08 PM
Tuesday	-	11:52 AM	11:45 PM
Wednesday	-	12:41 PM	-
Thursday	12:26 AM	1:32 PM	-
Friday	1:10 AM	2:26 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Thunderstorms	59° / 48°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	90° / 73°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 84°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 76°
London	Rain	61° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 67°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	63° / 46°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
New York	Mostly Sunny	84° / 67°
Osaka	Showers	91° / 81°
Paris	Showers	70° / 55°
Busan	Showers	88° / 75°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	97° / 73°
Salem	Thunderstorms	84° / 72°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	65° / 57°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	88° / 73°
Tokyo	Rain	86° / 75°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	84° / 67°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
6:21 AM	LOW TIDE	0.84
11:54 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.58
6:03 PM	LOW TIDE	0.84
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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
UA117	7:30am	8:10am	1, 4, 6	UA174	5:50am	6:31am	1, 4, 6

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301.2	8:30AM	9:00AM	Tues/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101.2	9:30AM	10:00AM	Tues/Fri
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1212	18:00	18:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- ❏ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- ❏ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ❏ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❏ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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Business

Kada Dia 'Everyday' Market opens in CK

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Kada Dia Market is located next to the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kiya.

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Do you want to enjoy chalakiles, Hawaiian shaved ice, and shawarma under one roof? Then mosey down to the newly opened Kada Dia Market beside the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kiya.

James Matsumoto, managing member of BPJ Ventures, LLC that owns the Kada Dia Market property, said Kada Dia literally means "everyday" in Chamorro.

"We thought it's the perfect name since we'll have many vendors selling different types of food and products. So many varieties that you could visit every day and not get tired of it," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Matsumoto modeled Kada Dia after the popular Thursday street market concept at the Garapan Fishing Base. "A lot of people enjoyed the Thursday street market atmosphere and I thought it would be great to have a place like it but on a permanent basis. The Thursday market was only once a week, so if off-island visitors weren't here on a Thursday, they would miss out on all the fun."

As set up, Kada Dia has room for 13 permanent vendor stalls and from eight to 10 temporary vendors on the weekends or nights.

So far, Kada Dia vendors include the Borja family selling their popular chalakiles soup and a variety of other Chamorro food; Couples Cakery offering their beautiful and delicious cakes, cupcakes, and coffee; Mermaid Bubble Tea Shop; Lyn's Barbecue; a Hawaiian shaved ice and hotdog vendor; a shawarma and burrito vendor; and a Filipino cuisine vendor.

For more information on the Kada Dia Market or to inquire about the remaining vendor slots, call Kada Dia Market at 483-6985.

Kada Dia has three non-food businesses. Talofa Lava sells beautiful island style *mwars*, *lava lavas*, and accessories; Chelu Aynez Enterprises sells jewelry and toys; and Micronesian Modular is an affordable living consulting company.

"Each vendor's operating hours will vary, but most will open from mid-morning to the late evenings. As the name implies the Kada Dia Market will be open every day," Matsumoto said.

BPJ Ventures, which is named after Matsumoto's children—Brandie, Patricia, and James—built Kada Dia at the strategic intersection because of the heavy foot traffic in the area.

"My grandmother, Augusta Blanco Matsumoto, was granted this property as her homestead and she later gave it to my parents, John and Patricia Matsumoto, who owned and operated the J.M. Cinema, the islands' only movie theater at the time," he said.

In more recent times, the Matsumoto family leased the property to Kevin's Department store and grocery, but the building burned down in February 2017.

"We knew we had a high traffic location, being next to the main post office and at the entrance of Chalan Kanoa that businesses would find attractive. So we decided to redevelop by upcycling six used 40-foot cargo containers to utilize the small lot efficiently and to help keep the cost of construction down. We are pleased to see our mini commercial spaces are receiving a positive response," said Matsumoto.

Aside from vendors selling everything and anything under the sun, Kadia Dia is also envisioned as a sort of community center right in the heart of Chalan Kanoa.

"We are open to hosting entertainers, school competitions, and possibly mini-concerts or events. We also intend to make space available for non-profits and public outreach programs. Once tourism is back we anticipate the Kada Dia 'Everyday' Market will be a must-visit spot for our off-island visitors too," added Matsumoto.

Like other businesses on island, COVID-19 has had a negative effect on Kada Dia even before it opened. "The COVID-19 situation caused us to delay opening a few months, but we are optimistic [that] most [of] our vendors will get to open this month. We appreciate our government's practical and reasonable approach to the coronavirus safety measures, which all our vendors will be adhering to," said Matsumoto.

As far as safety concerns in the midst of the pandemic, Matsumoto said Kada Dia Market has open-air seating and is bathed by the sun's UV light each day "so we feel we are a safe place to visit."

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"There's no place like the Kada Dia Market on Saipan. It's a unique venue and it's going to be a fun place for the whole family as there will be something for everyone," he said.

Huawei: Smartphone chips running out under US sanctions

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese tech giant Huawei is running out of processor chips to make smartphones due to U.S. sanctions and will be forced to stop production of its own most advanced chips, a company executive says, in a sign of growing damage to Huawei's business from American pressure.

Huawei Technologies Ltd., one of the biggest producers of smartphones and network equipment, is at the center of U.S.-Chinese tension over technology and security. The feud has spread to include the popular Chinese-owned video app TikTok and China-based messaging service WeChat.

Washington cut off Huawei's access to U.S. components and technology including Google's music and other smartphone services last year. Those penalties were tightened in May when the White House barred vendors worldwide from using U.S. technology to produce components for Huawei.

Production of Kirin chips designed by Huawei's own engineers will stop Sept. 15 because they are made by contractors that need U.S. manufacturing technology, said Richard Yu, president of the company's consumer unit. He said Huawei lacks the ability to make its own chips.

"This is a very big loss for us," Yu said Friday at an industry conference, China Info 100, according to a video recording of his comments posted on multiple websites.

"Unfortunately, in the second round of U.S. sanctions, our chip producers only accepted orders until May 15. Production will close on Sept. 15," Yu said. "This year may be the last generation of Huawei Kirin high-end chips."

More broadly, Huawei's smartphone production has "no chips and no supply," Yu said.

Yu said this year's smartphone sales probably will be lower than 2019's level of 240 million handsets but gave no details. The company didn't immediately respond to questions Saturday.

Huawei, founded in 1987 by a former military engineer, denies accusations it might facilitate Chinese spying. Chinese officials accuse Washington of using national security as an excuse to stop a competitor to U.S. tech industries.

Huawei is a leader among emerging Chinese competitors in telecoms, electric cars, renewable energy and other fields in which the ruling Communist Party hopes China can become a global leader.

As Trump digs in, will it be US versus China in tech?

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump's bans on two popular Chinese social media apps—TikTok and WeChat—are the latest moves in an escalating U.S.-China rift, and point to a future where technology and innovation are increasingly walled behind political barriers.

In China, the Communist Party has long limited what foreign tech companies can do. It blocks access to major U.S. internet services, like Google and Facebook, along with thousands of websites operated by news organizations and human rights, prodemocracy and other activist groups.

Those restrictions have helped nurture homegrown tech giants that in recent years have started expanding, and even dominating, outside China.

Now the U.S. and other countries are putting their own limits on China.

The executive orders from the White House are vague. But experts said they appear intended to bar TikTok and WeChat from the app stores run by Apple and Google when the orders take effect in 45 days. That would make them more difficult to use in the U.S.

"This is a pretty broad and pretty quick expansion of the technology cold war between the U.S. and China," said Steven Weber, faculty director for the University of California, Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity.

The Trump administration has been hawkish against China. A big example is Huawei, the world's biggest maker of smartphones and network equipment, and China's first global tech brand. Washington has moved to cut off Huawei Technologies Ltd.'s access to chips and other technology, tried to push allies away from Huawei and barred U.S. government funds from being used to pay for Huawei equipment in U.S. networks, citing security concerns.

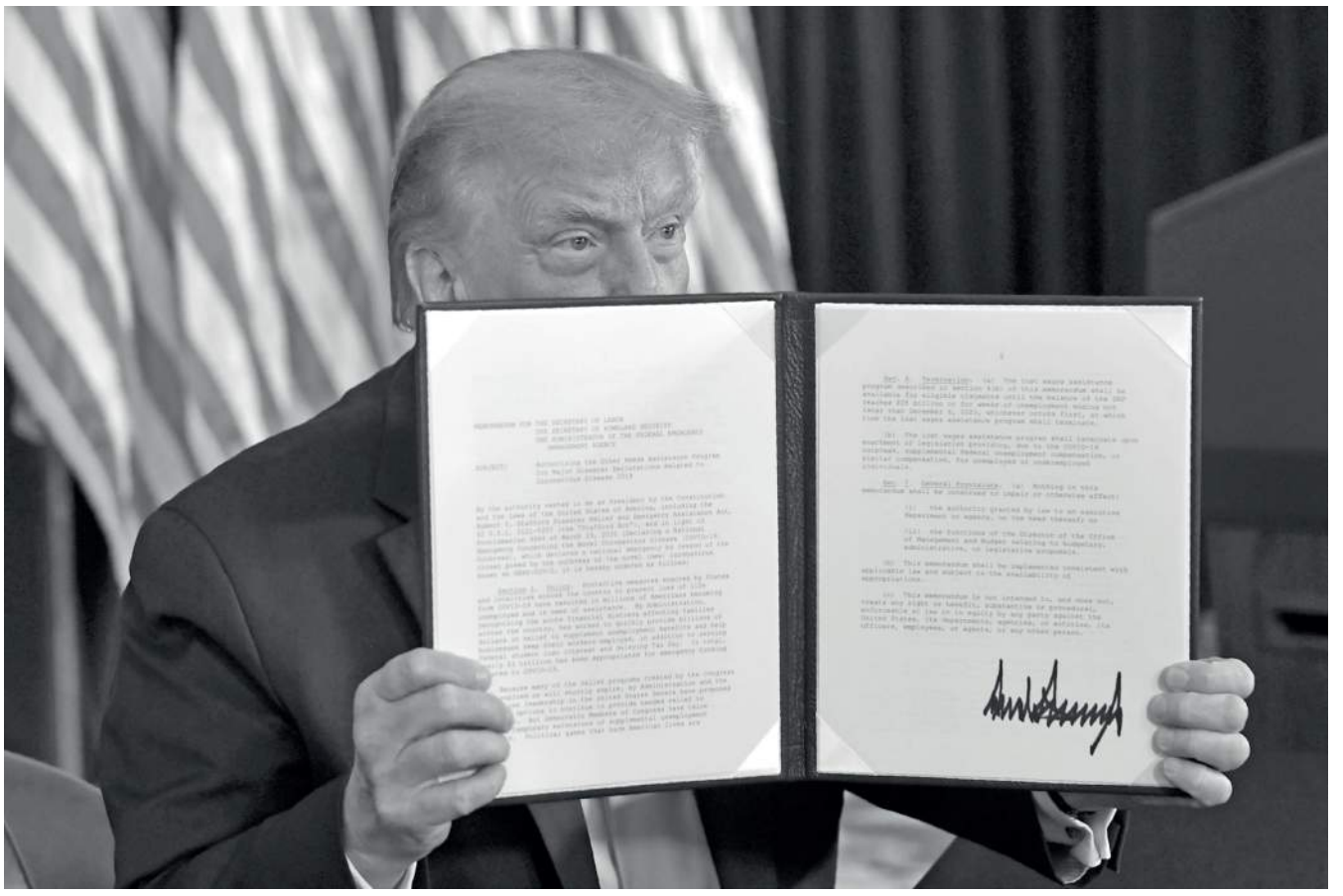
The Trump administration has also blocked Chinese buyers from acquiring U.S. companies.

Now it's going after popular services used by millions globally. The effort is driven not only by security concerns but also Trump's anger at Beijing, blaming China for the coronavirus pandemic and for hurting his re-election chances, according to two White House officials not authorized to speak publicly about private deliberations.

"We are entering an era of an increasingly bifurcated internet, where it may become more difficult for Chinese information companies to succeed outside of China," said Lindsay Gorman, a fellow specializing in emerging technologies at the Alliance for Securing Democracy.

Nation

Trump allows some unemployment pay, defers payroll tax



AP
President Donald Trump signs an executive order during a news conference at the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020.

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP)—President Donald Trump on Saturday bypassed the nation's lawmakers as he claimed the authority to defer payroll taxes and replace an expired unemployment benefit with a lower amount after negotiations with Congress on a new coronavirus rescue package collapsed.

Trump's orders encroached on Congress' control of federal spending and seemed likely to be met with legal challenges. The president cast his actions as necessary given that lawmakers have been unable to reach an agreement to plunge more money into the stumbling economy, which has imperiled his November reelection.

Trump moved to continue paying a supplemental federal unemployment benefit for millions of Americans out of work during the outbreak. However, his order called for up to $400 payments each week, one-third less than the $600 people had been receiving. How many people would receive the benefit and how long it might take to arrive were open questions.

The previous unemployment benefit, which expired on Aug. 1, was fully funded by Washington, but Trump is asking states to now cover 25%. He is seeking to set aside $44 billion in previously approved disaster aid to help states, but said it would be up to states to determine how much, if any of it, to fund, so the benefits could be smaller still.

Many states already faced budget shortfalls due to the coronavirus pandemic and would have difficulty assuming the new obligation.

Trump hopes the four executive orders he signed will signal to Americans that he is acting where Congress will not to address economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, which has upended nearly all aspects of American life. It's unclear what the economic impact of his actions will be, and his orders do not address several areas that have been part of the congressional negotiations, including funding for schools and state and local governments.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer dismissed Trump's actions as "meager" in the face of economic and health crises facing Americans. Democrats initially sought a $3.4 trillion package, but said they lowered their ask in talks to $2 trillion. Republicans had proposed a $1 trillion plan.

Trump's Democratic opponent in the presidential race, Joe Biden, called the orders "a series of half-baked measures" and accused him of putting at risk Social Security, which is funded by the payroll tax.

Trump's embrace of executive actions to sidestep Congress ran in sharp contrast to his criticism of former President Barack Obama's use of executive orders on a more limited basis. Though Trump cast it as a necessary step given the deterioration of congressional negotiations, the president himself was not an active participant in those talks.

The orders "will take care of pretty much this entire situation, as we know it," Trump said, despite the fact that they are far smaller in scope than congressional legislation, and even aides acknowledged they didn't meet all needs.

In addition to the extension of some unemployment benefits, Trump's orders call for a deferral of payroll tax and federal student loan payments and efforts to halt evictions. The evictions executive order directs the Treasury and Housing and Urban Development departments to identify funds to provide financial assistance to those struggling to pay their monthly rent.

Trump said the employee portion of the payroll tax would be deferred from Aug. 1 through the end of the year. The move would not directly aid unemployed workers, who do not pay the tax when they are jobless, and employees would need to repay the federal government eventually without an act of Congress.

In essence, the deferral is an interest-free loan that would have to be repaid. Trump said he'll try to get lawmakers to extend it, and the timing would line up with a post-election lame-duck session in which Congress will try to pass government funding bills.

Portland protesters cause mayhem again, police officer hurt

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—About 200 people, some wielding homemade shields, clashed with police early Friday for the third consecutive night as two other Black Lives Matter rallies proceeded peacefully elsewhere in the city, authorities said.

The demonstration with unrest came hours after the city's Democratic mayor pleaded for protesters to stay off the streets, saying those who barricaded the doors to a police precinct the night before and tried to set it ablaze were not demonstrators, but criminals.

Mayor Ted Wheeler said the violent protesters are also serving as political "props" for President Donald Trump in a divisive election-season where the president is hammering on a law-and-order message. Trump has tried to portray the protesters as "sick and dangerous anarchists" running wild in the city's streets.

The chaos that started Thursday night and lasted into Friday morning in a residential neighborhood about six miles (10 kilometers) from downtown marked the 70th night of unrest since May 25, following the George Floyd killing in Minneapolis. Police arrested 12 adults and detained one 17-year-old on suspicion of charges ranging from interfering with a police officer to rioting.

The demonstrations this week are noticeably smaller than the crowds of thousands who turned out nightly for about two weeks in July to protest the presence of U.S. agents sent by the Trump administration to protect a federal courthouse that had become a target of nightly violence.

This week's clashes nevertheless ratcheted up tensions after an agreement last week between state and federal officials seemed to offer a brief reprieve. The deal brokered by Democratic Gov. Kate Brown called for agents from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Marshals Service and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pull back from their defense of the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse starting July 30.

Early Friday, as peaceful demonstrations proceeded elsewhere in the city, a group of people gathered at a park in eastern Portland and marched to the local police precinct, where authorities say they spray-painted the building, popped the tires of police cars, splashed paint on the walls, vandalized security cameras and set a fire in a barrel outside the building. One officer was severely injured by a rock, police said, but no additional details were provided.

An older woman who tried to stop the vandalism was hit with a bucket of white paint and then got into a shouting match with those in the crowd as one protester tried to wrap her in yellow police tape—a conflict caught on video. Another elderly woman using a walker was also captured on video trying to put out a fire with a fire extinguisher while a black-clad protester blocked her way.

Tear gas was used by police on protesters Wednesday for the first time since the U.S. agents left the city, but officers did not use it Thursday despite declaring the demonstration an unlawful assembly.

Wheeler, who was tear-gassed several weeks ago with protesters as he stood with them outside the federal courthouse, warned the demonstrators Thursday that their actions are helping Trump.

Postal Service loses $2.2B in 3 months as virus woes persist

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Postal Service says it lost $2.2 billion in the three months that ended in June as the beleaguered agency—hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic—piles up financial losses that officials warn could top $20 billion over two years.

But the new postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, disputed reports that his agency is slowing down election mail or any other mail and said it has "ample capacity to deliver all election mail securely and on time" for the November presidential contest, when a significant increase in mail-in ballots is expected.

Still, DeJoy offered a gloomy picture of the 630,000-employee agency Friday in his first public remarks since taking the top job in June.

"Our financial position is dire, stemming from substantial declines in mail volume, a broken business model and a management strategy that has not adequately addressed these issues," DeJoy told the postal board of governors at a meeting Friday.

"Without dramatic change, there is no end in sight," DeJoy said.

While package deliveries to homebound Americans were up more than 50%, that was offset by continued declines in first-class and business mail, even as costs increased significantly to pay for personal protective equipment and replace workers who got sick or chose to stay home in fear of the virus, DeJoy said.

Without an intervention from Congress, the agency faces an impending cash flow crisis, he said. The Postal Service is seeking an infusion of at least $10 billion to cover operating losses as well as regulatory changes that would undo a congressional requirement that the agency pre-fund billions of dollars in retiree health benefits.

The agency is doing its part, said DeJoy, a Republican fundraiser and former supply chain executive who took command of the agency June 15. DeJoy, 63, of North Carolina, is a major donor to President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. He is the first postmaster general in nearly two decades who is not a career postal employee.

In his first month on the job, DeJoy said, he directed the agency to vigorously "focus on the ingrained inefficiencies in our operations," including by applying strict limits on overtime.

World

Fury over Beirut blast fuels protests, clashes with police

BEIRUT (AP)—Public fury over this week's massive explosion in Beirut took a new turn Saturday night as protesters stormed government institutions and clashed for hours with security forces, who responded with heavy volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets.

One police officer was killed and dozens of people hurt in the confrontations, which played out in streets that were wrecked from Tuesday's blast at the port that devastated much of the city and killed nearly 160 people. Dozens were still missing and nearly 6,000 people injured.

The disaster has taken popular anger to a new level in a country already reeling from an unprecedented economic and financial crisis and near bankruptcy.

Activists who called for the protest set up symbolic nooses at Beirut's Martyrs' Square to hang politicians whose corruption and negligence they blame for the explosion.

The blast was fueled by thousands of tons of ammonium nitrate that had been improperly stored at the port for more than six years. Apparently set off by a fire, the explosion was by far the biggest in Lebanon's troubled history and caused an estimated $10 billion to 15 billion in damage, according to Beirut's governor. It also damaged 6,200 buildings and left hundreds of thousands of people homeless.

"Resignation or hang," read a banner held by protesters, who also planned to hold a symbolic funeral for the dead. Some nooses were also set up along the bridges outside the port.

Khodr Ghadir, 23, said the noose was for everyone who has been in power for the last 30 years. "What happened was a spark for people to return to the streets."

A placard listed the names of the dead, printed over a photo of the blast's enormous pink mushroom cloud. "We are here for you," it read.

Dozens of protesters stormed the buildings of government ministries and the headquarters of the banking association, turning their rage to state and financial institutions.

Earlier Saturday, the protesters entered the empty buildings of the foreign ministry, declaring it a headquarters of their movement. Others then fanned out to enter the economy and energy ministries, some walking away with documents claiming they will reveal the extent of corruption that permeates the government. Some also entered the environment ministry.

Many protesters said they now had only their homes and even those are no longer safe. They blamed the government's inefficiency and political division for the country ills, including the recent disaster that hit almost every home.

The violence unfolded on the eve of an international conference co-hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres aimed at bringing donors together to supply emergency aid and equipment to the Lebanese population.

In a televised speech Saturday evening, Prime Minister Hassan Diab said the only solution was to hold early elections, which he planned to propose in a draft bill. He called on all political parties to put aside their disagreements and said he was prepared to stay in the post for two months to allow time for politicians to work on structural reforms.

The offer is unlikely to soothe the escalating fury on the street.

Hong Kong, Chinese officials jeer at US sanctions

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong's leader and China's top representative in the city took pot shots at the United States on Saturday after the Trump administration sanctioned them and nine other officials for allegedly cracking down on freedom and undermining the local autonomy of the former British colony.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam took to Facebook to say that the U.S. got her address wrong, listing the official address of her chief deputy instead. She noted that she was the deputy when she applied for her U.S. visa in 2016.

"By the way, my entry visa to the U.S. is valid until 2026. Since I have no desire to visit this country, it looks like I can take the initiative to cancel it," Lam said.

The sanctions, announced Friday by the U.S. Treasury Department, block all property or other assets that the individuals have within U.S. jurisdiction.

Luo Huining, the director of the central government's liaison office in Hong Kong, said being included on the list shows that he has done what he should for the city and his country.

"I don't have a penny of assets abroad. Isn't it in vain to impose 'sanctions'? Of course, I can also send 100 U.S. dollars to Mr. Trump for freezing," he said in a statement on the office's website.

Hong Kong Commerce Secretary Edward Yau, who wasn't sanctioned, called the sanctions "unreasonable and barbarous" and said they would harm U.S. interests in the city, an Asian financial and shipping hub.

Hong Kong has long enjoyed civil liberties not seen in mainland China because it is governed under a so-called "one country, two systems" principle in place since it reverted to Chinese rule in 1997.

However, Beijing imposed a national security law on Hong Kong at the end of June, following months of anti-government protests last year.

The new law prohibits what Beijing views as secessionist, subversive or terrorist activities or what it sees as foreign intervention in Hong Kong's internal affairs. Police now have sweeping powers to conduct searches without warrants and order internet service providers and platforms to remove messages deemed to be in violation of the legislation.

Critics see the law as Beijing's boldest move yet to erase the divide between Hong Kong's Western-style system and the mainland's authoritarian way of governing.

"The recent imposition of draconian national security legislation on Hong Kong has not only undermined Hong Kong's autonomy, it has also infringed on the rights of people in Hong Kong," the Treasury Department said.

Survivors of deadly India crash say plane swayed violently

KOCHI, India (AP)—The plane swayed violently as it approached a hilltop runway soaked by monsoon rain, and moments later the special return flight for Indians stranded abroad by the pandemic skidded off, nosedived and cracked in two, leaving 18 dead and more than 120 injured.

Among the injured on Friday night, at least 15 were in critical condition, said Abdul Karim, a senior police officer in southern Kerala state. The dead included both pilots of the Air India Express flight, the airline said in a statement, adding that the four cabin crew were safe.

The 2-year-old Boeing 737-800 flew from Dubai to Kozhikode, also called Calicut, in Kerala. There were 174 adult passengers, 10 infants, two pilots and four cabin crew on board.

In a telephone interview from his hospital bed, Renjith Panangad, a plumber who was returning home for the first time in three years after losing his job at a construction company in Dubai, said the plane swayed before the crash and everything went dark.

He said he followed other passengers who crawled their way out of the fuselage through the emergency exit.

"A lot of passengers were bleeding," said Panangad, who escaped without major injuries. "I still can't comprehend what happened. As I am trying to recall what happened, my body is shivering."

He said the pilot made a regular announcement before landing, and moments after the plane hit the runway, it nosedived.

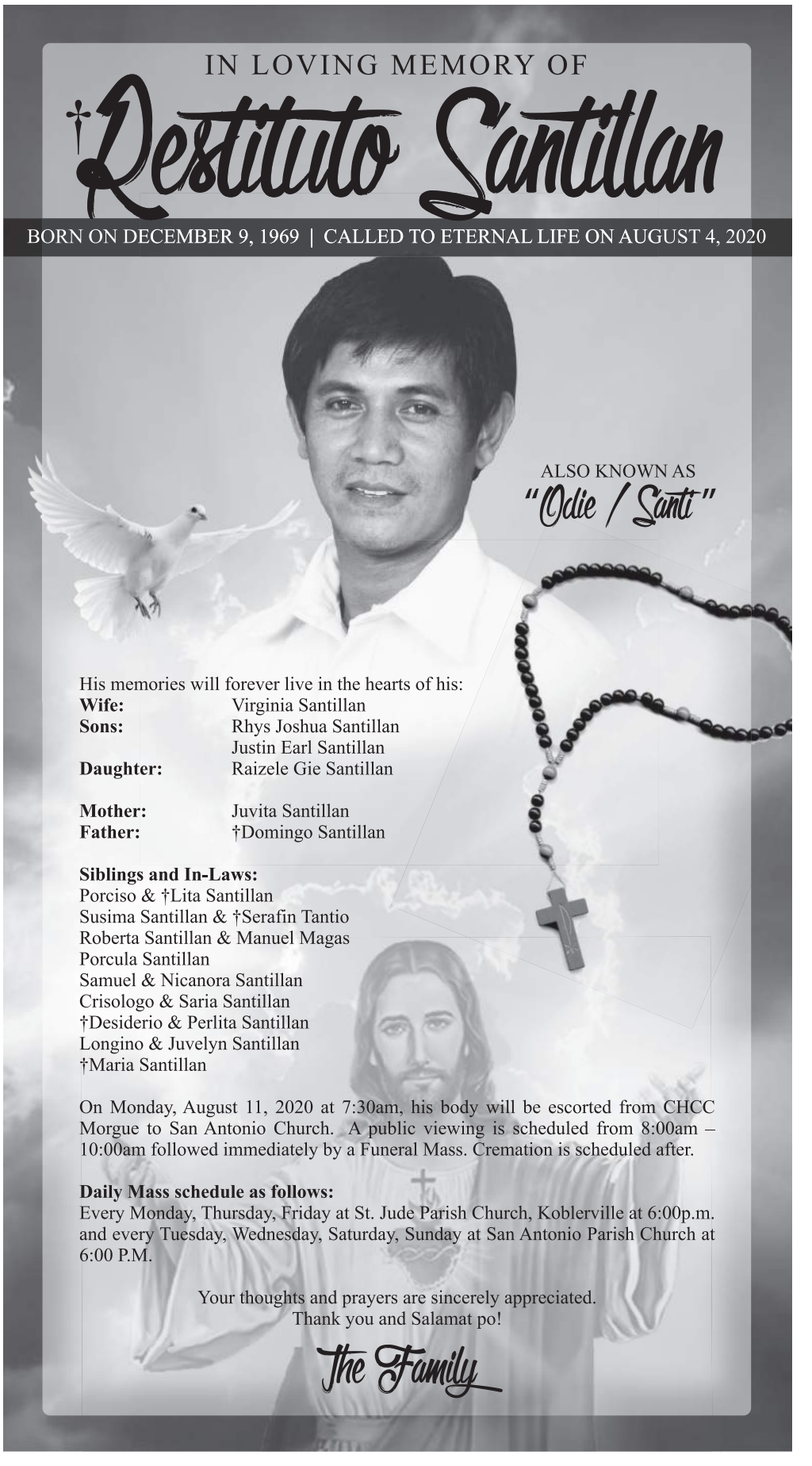
"There was a big noise during the impact and people started screaming," he said.

As the rain stopped Saturday morning, searchers recovered a flight data recorder as the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau started work on the wreckage. Air India Express said its teams also reached Calicut to support and assist families of the victims.

The wreckage of the plane was resting below a flat hilltop, its nose crashed through a wall. The aircraft's fuselage was split in two and cables dangled from the wreckage and luggage and seats were strewn around.

A similar tragedy was narrowly avoided at the same airport a year ago, when an Air India Express flight suffered a tail strike upon landing. None of the 180 passengers on that flight was injured.

Kozhikode's 2,850-meter (9,350-foot) runway is on a flat hilltop with deep gorges on either side ending in a 34-meter (112-foot) drop.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†Restituto Santillan
BORN ON DECEMBER 9, 1969 | CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE ON AUGUST 4, 2020
ALSO KNOWN AS
"Odie / Santi"
His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Virginia Santillan
Sons: Rhys Joshua Santillan
Justin Earl Santillan
Daughter: Raizele Gie Santillan
Mother: Juvita Santillan
Father: †Domingo Santillan
Siblings and In-Laws:
Porciso & †Lita Santillan
Susima Santillan & †Serafin Tantio
Roberta Santillan & Manuel Magas
Porcula Santillan
Samuel & Nicanora Santillan
Crisologo & Saria Santillan
†Desiderio & Perlita Santillan
Longino & Juvelyn Santillan
†Maria Santillan
On Monday, August 11, 2020 at 7:30am, his body will be escorted from CHCC Morgue to San Antonio Church. A public viewing is scheduled from 8:00am – 10:00am followed immediately by a Funeral Mass. Cremation is scheduled after.
Daily Mass schedule as follows:
Every Monday, Thursday, Friday at St. Jude Parish Church, Koblerville at 6:00p.m. and every Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday at San Antonio Parish Church at 6:00 P.M.
Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.
Thank you and Salamat po!
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Returning to sports **safely** and **responsibly**

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation rallies behind our local and federal authorities in our fight against the spread of COVID-19.

As we battle this pandemic, the TSL Foundation encourages the community to stay active and diligently follow health and safety protocols. Medical experts and studies suggest that staying active, through having some form of exercise, like playing sports, can boost both our mental and physical health, which coupled with practicing safety measures set by authorities will help minimize our risk of contracting the disease.

To assist the community in navigating its return to sports safely and responsibly, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation would like to share the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines that will help youth sports organizations protect players, officials, families, and communities from the spread of the COVID-19 (Please note that these guidelines are just supplemental and will not replace local/state safety rules and regulations).

1. If feasible, conduct daily health checks (e.g., symptoms/ temperature checking) of coaches, officials, staff, and players safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

2. Modify practices so players work on individual skills, rather than on competition. Coaches may also put players into small groups that remain together and work through stations, rather than switching or mixing groups.

3. Minimize equipment sharing and clean and disinfect shared equipment before and after used. Clean and disinfect areas used for practices and games, whether outdoor or indoor. Keep each player's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, bags, or areas.

4. Maintain social distancing by increasing space between players on the sideline, dugout, or bench. Coaches can encourage athletes to use downtime for individual skill-building work or cardiovascular conditioning, rather than staying clustered together. Space players at least 6 feet apart on the field while participating in the sport (e.g. during warmup and simulation drills). Encourage players to wait in their cars with guardians until just before the beginning of a practice, warm-up, or game, instead of forming a group.

5. Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Do not allow spitting and encourage everyone to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of their elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used.

6. Limit any nonessential visitors, spectators, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations.

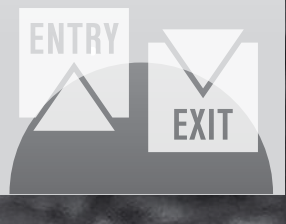
7. Sports with a large number of players on a team may increase the likelihood of spread, compared to sports with fewer team members. Consider decreasing team sizes, as feasible.

8. Teach and reinforce the use of cloth face coverings. Face coverings are not intended to protect the wearer, but rather to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 from the person wearing the mask (who may not have any symptoms of disease). Face coverings may be challenging for players to wear while playing sports. Face coverings should be worn by coaches, youth sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators as much as possible.

9. Discourage unnecessary physical contact, such as high-fives, handshakes, fist bumps, or hugs.

10. Prioritize outdoor, as opposed to indoor, practice and play as much as possible.

11. Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., at entrances and exits, and in restrooms). Promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs such as by properly washing hands and wearing facemasks.



12. Limit the use of carpools or van pools.When riding in an automobile to a sports event, encourage players to ride to the sports event with persons living in their same household.

Life & Style

Cellphone records suggest wife's affair may not be over

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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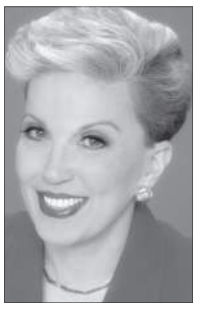


Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I found out a year ago that my wife of eight years had an affair for three years with my best friend. Two months ago I realized she is still contacting him. I found out because I went through her cell records. She said she was just texting him about how he ruined our life. Now I have no access to them, and I suspect she's using a text app so I won't know. She keeps her phone with her all the time.

I can't live like this, and I don't know what to do. I always let her do what she wanted and never had a concern before this. I was always laid-back, but now I can't stop thinking she is up to no good. How do I approach this with her? We have been to counseling. Every time I bring up her affair, she says our marriage will never work because of trust issues, and I agree. Please help.

OUT OF CHANCES IN FLORIDA

DEAR OUT: Your wife and best friend betrayed you, so your trust issues are well-founded. If she would like to stay married to you, she should not be hiding her cellphone and texts from you. If she's unwilling to cooperate, then what she said is 100% correct—your marriage WILL never work, and your next step should be to talk to an attorney.

DEAR ABBY: I had a baby a year ago. I'm 46, and my son's father just turned 50. We are looking to buy a house, but I am conflicted. We are not married, and it will be my money that we use for the down payment. I have expressed that I would like to be married before we buy the house, but nothing has happened. I have brought the subject up several times, but I now feel really nervous about his not following through. How should I proceed from here?

DOWN PAYMENT DILEMMA IN NEW YORK

DEAR D.P.D.: That the father of your baby keeps "forgetting" to address the fact that you want to be married is a red flag. It appears he is unwilling to make that commitment. Before moving forward with buying property with someone who is reluctant to make a commitment, it is extremely important that you discuss this with a lawyer. An attorney can help to ensure your financial interests will be protected. Until you have done that, keep your checkbook firmly CLOSED.

DEAR ABBY: I am about to be married to a wonderful man who has three teenagers from a previous marriage. His boys are 18 and 16, and his daughter is also 16. They have TERRIBLE table manners, which seem to be encouraged by their grandfather. My fiance has spoken to his dad regarding the unacceptable behavior, yet it continues.

When my fiance tries to enforce common table etiquette, the children ask why the change. Table manners were not part of their upbringing, and they don't see the importance. How do I—or should I—attempt to undo 18 years of poor habits?

EMBARRASSED AT THE TABLE

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Table manners ARE important. They reveal a lot about someone's upbringing or lack of it. Not knowing the basics can negatively affect not only a person's social life, but also his or her career. You would be doing those young people a huge favor if you speak up and support your fiance in this.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Former President Bush pays tribute to immigrants in new book

NEW YORK (AP)—A new book by former President George W. Bush will highlight an issue which now sets him apart from many of his fellow Republicans—immigration.

Crown announced Thursday that Bush's "Out Of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" will be published March 2. The book includes 43 portraits by the 43rd president, four-color paintings of immigrants he has come to know over the years, along with biographical essays he wrote about each of them.

Bush, who served as president from 2001-2009, has often praised the contributions of immigrants, a notable contrast to President Donald Trump's rhetoric and policies. As president, Bush supported a bipartisan immigration reform bill that narrowly failed to pass in 2007, with opposition coming from both liberals and conservatives.

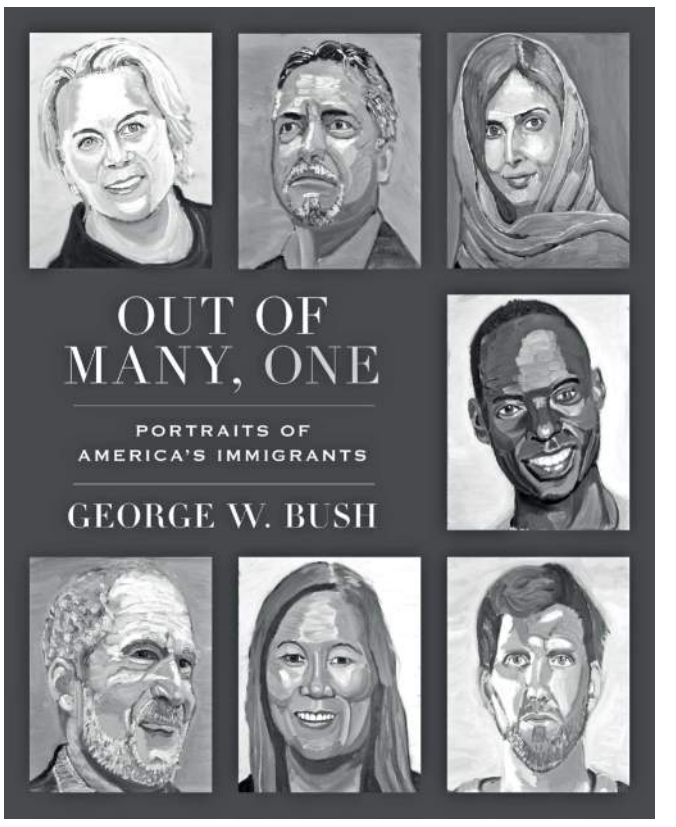
"While I recognize that immigration can be an emotional issue, I reject the premise that it is a partisan issue. It is perhaps the most American of issues, and it should be one that unites us," Bush writes in the new book's introduction, noting that he did not want it to come out during the election season. Bush has not endorsed Trump or his presumptive Democratic opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden.

"My hope is that this book will help focus our collective attention on the positive impacts that immigrants are making on our country."

The book will serve as a companion to an upcoming exhibition at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas.

"Both 'Out of Many, One" and the exhibition of the same name will include bold, principle-based solutions that comprehensively address the current debate on immigration," according to Crown. "At the heart of the recommendations is the belief that every year that passes without reforming the nation's broken system means missed opportunities to ensure the future prosperity, vitality, and security of our country."

Bush has become a dedicated portrait painter and best-selling author since leaving the White House. His memoir "Decision Points" has sold more than 3 million copies, and his other books include "41," about his father, former President George H.W. Bush; and a collection of paintings of military veterans, "Portraits of Courage."



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This book cover image released by Crown shows "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" by George W. Bush.

He will donate a portion of his "Out Of Many, One" proceeds to organizations that help immigrants resettle. Financial terms were otherwise not disclosed. Bush was represented by Robert Barnett, the Washington attorney whose other clients have included former President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton.

The book will be released as a standard trade hardcover and in an autographed deluxe edition, listed for $250, that will be clothbound and contained within a slipcover.

Vogue UK spotlights Black activists, social change

LONDON (AP)—The British issue of Vogue is devoting its September issue to activism, with a cover featuring two Black activists and produced by a predominantly Black team.

Editor-in-chief Edward Enninful, who is Black, said he wanted the magazine's new issue, to be published Friday, to be a "rallying cry for the future." He said 2020 is a "moment of necessary change," and told the BBC that the focus on activism was a "no brainer" decision.

The cover features 22-year-old Manchester United soccer star Marcus Rashford, who in June successfully campaigned to force Britain's government to grant free food vouchers to poor families during the summer holidays. He posed alongside model and mental health activist Adwoa Aboah. They were photographed by Misan Harriman, the first Black photographer tasked with shooting the magazine's September issue—traditionally seen as the most important one in the Vogue calendar.

MISAN HARRIMAN/VOGUE MAGAZINE VIA AP
In this image made available Thursday Aug. 6, 2020, by British Vogue magazine, showing the September 2020 issue devoted to activism, with a cover featuring two Black activists and produced by a predominantly Black team. The influential magazine's cover features 22-year-old Manchester United soccer player Marcus Rashford, who successfully campaigned during coronavirus lockdown to force Britain's government to grant free food vouchers to poor families, alongside model and mental health, racial justice and sustainability activist Adwoa Aboah, who has said "Now I have hope it's changing." They were photographed by Misan Harriman, the first black photographer tasked with shooting the magazine's September issue.

"(Enninful) knows that there are many talented people from a diverse background who have never had a fair chance, finally the door is ajar," Harriman said.

The fold-out cover features 18 other faces, including campaigners for the Black Lives Matter movement, feminists and anti-racism activists.

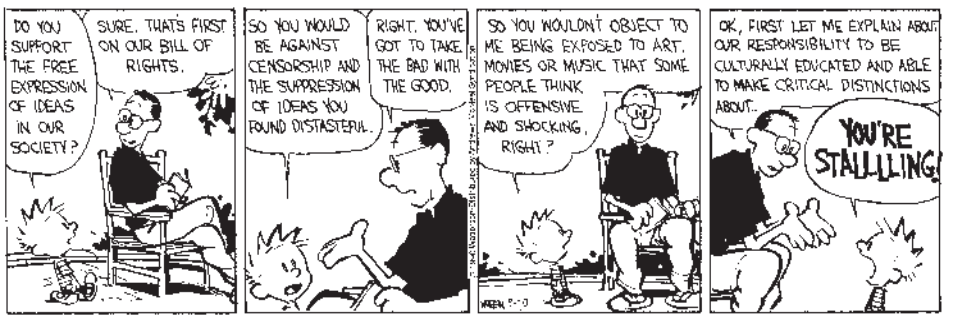
Enninful said last month that he was "racially profiled" by a security guard at his office, who told him to "use the loading bay" as he arrived for work. He said that the incident highlighted how despite his achievements, "the first thing that some people will judge you on is the color of your skin."

Last year, the September issue of British Vogue was guest-edited by Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


DO YOU SUPPORT THE FREE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS IN OUR SOCIETY?
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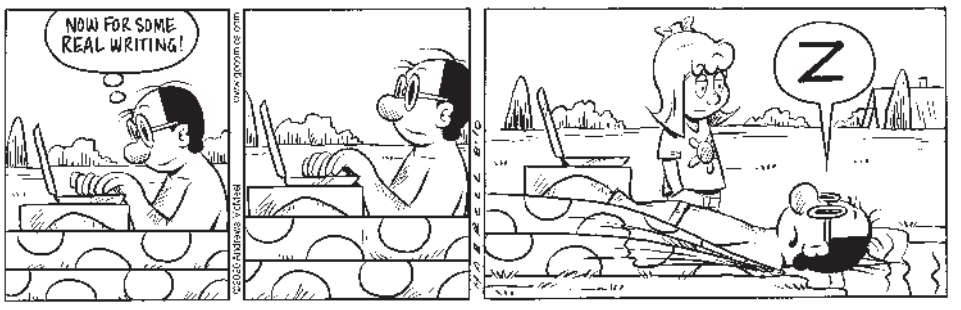
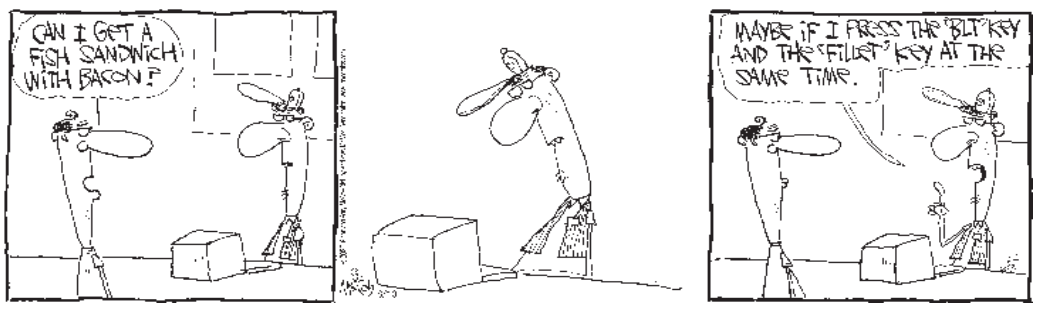


The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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52 Latin 101 word
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54 Perry's creator
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56 Frank McCourt memoir
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4 "For shame, for shame!"
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6 Salt Lake athlete
7 Spiked club
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9 Muhammad's footstep-following daughter
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11 "— on first?"
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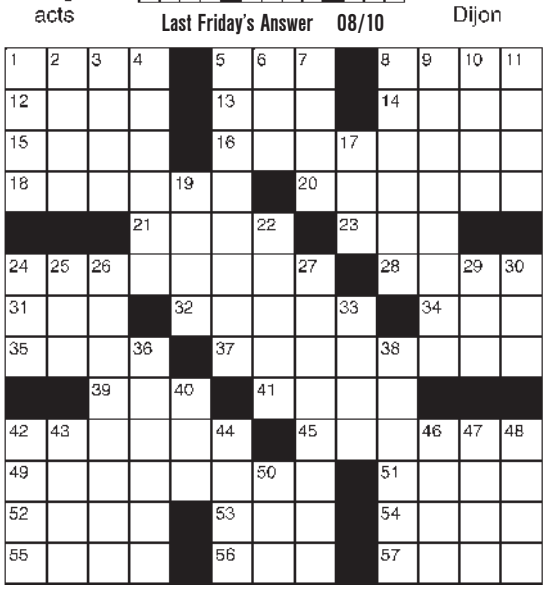
Last Friday's Answer 08/10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Gates, 43; Justin Theroux, 49; Antonio Banderas, 60; Rosanna Arquette, 61.

Happy Birthday: Haste makes waste. Slow down, smell the roses and don't feel pressured to keep up with someone or make changes that you aren't ready to explore. Time is on your side, and for now, the best thing you can do is live in the moment, pay more attention to what makes you happy and adjust your life to suit your needs. Your numbers are 2, 14, 23, 29, 31, 34, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take a moment to think, and wait for the right moment to put your plans in motion. Too much too fast will be your downfall. When uncertainty sets in, retreat, observe and reassess your options. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You'll feel the urge to take a risk or make a change that is not advisable. Rethink your steps before you make a mistake that you'll have to live with for some time. Play it safe to avoid being sorry. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Pick up information that will help you decide your best course of action. Don't let the changes others make or the pressures put on you to do something questionable push you in a direction that isn't right for you. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Pitch in and do something to help those less fortunate. A kind word, donating items you no longer need or taking more time to relax and figure out what you want to do next will make you feel good. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't fold under pressure or let your emotions take over when faced with opposition. Protect your reputation, status and position. Look for opportunities that provide mental stimulation, and pick up skills and knowledge that allow you to head in a direction that excites you. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Jot down everything you want to accomplish today so you don't miss something that can affect your progress. Uncertainty and confusion are apparent and will require appropriate measures to help you stay on track. Personal improvement is favored. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You can help without jeopardizing your health or financial well-being. Be smart about the way you handle requests and the suggestions and promises you make. Leave nothing to chance. Be direct when asked for your help or opinion. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* You or someone close to you will lose interest or no longer share the same goals. Open, honest discussions will be essential if you want to ensure the outcome of a pending personal matter. Protect sensitive issues from people who tend to gossip. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Unfinished business will come back to haunt you. You can't hide the truth or your feelings forever. Organize your thoughts and explain whatever situation you are up against from your perspective, and you'll gain insight into what you should do next. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Put your plans in motion. Alter the way you live or how you relate to those who live with you. A positive attitude will help you gain allies and information to deter anyone who tries to get in your way. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't get hung up on something that is not your responsibility. You'll have more success sticking to what you know and do best. Refuse to let an emotional incident come between you and someone you love. Choose congeniality over discord. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Consider your options and where each path will lead. A change will entice you, but once you consider what you'll have to give up, you'll feel compelled to look for alternatives. Don't act in haste or make promises you won't want to keep. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are smart, ambitious and energetic. You are emotional and unpredictable.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/9

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Last Friday's Answer: Tropical

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Doncic gets 17th triple-double, Mavs top Bucks

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)— Luka Doncic scored 36 points in his NBA-leading 17th triple-double and the Dallas Mavericks scored the last seven points of regulation to force overtime, going on to a 136-132 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

Doncic also had a career-high 19 assists and 14 rebounds on the day the 2019 NBA Rookie of the Year was named a finalist for the most improved award.

"He's getting better by the hour, by the day," coach Rick Carlisle said. "I was most impressed with his leadership throughout the game. Kept a real calm demeanor, kept guys playing during some tough stretches."

Milwaukee star Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks before fouling out in the final seconds hours after the reigning MVP was named a finalist for the award along with LeBron James and James Harden.

Brook Lopez scored a season-high 34 points for the Bucks, who have already clinched the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

"It's great to be in this situation," Lopez said. "We've had a lot of these situations all year long so there's a lot we can take from this."

Doncic's final assist was a between-the-legs pass to Maxi Kleber for a three-point play and a 133-128 lead.

After a dunk from Antetokounmpo, Doncic hit a runner to get the lead back to five with 11 seconds to go as the Mavericks kept alive slim hopes to get out of the seventh seed and avoid a likely first-round matchup with the Los Angeles Clippers. Dallas played its third overtime game out of five in the bubble, winning for the second time.

AP
Dallas Mavericks' Luka Doncic, right, is fouled by Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) as Bucks' George Hill (3) watches during an NBA game Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

"I'm feeling fresh and just trying to make the right decision," said Doncic, who has three triple-doubles in five games since the restart. "Sometimes I take a shot and I shouldn't have."

Doncic hit two free throws with 21 seconds left in regulation, and the Mavericks forced overtime when two putback attempts by Milwaukee wouldn't go in after a missed 3-pointer from George Hill.

"One of the most talented guys I've ever played against," Antetokounmpo said of Doncic, his fellow All-Star for the first time this season. "He's making the whole team better, and he's going to keep getting better."

Nuggets 134, Jazz 132, 2OT

Jamal Murray scored 23 points in his first game of the NBA restart, including the tying and go-ahead baskets, and Denver beat Utah.

The Nuggets overcame Donovan Mitchell's 35 points for Utah, including a 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds remaining in the second overtime. But he missed a desperation heave from near half-court as the game ended.

Murray, playing his first game since March 11 after missing four games with left hamstring tightness, sank a fallaway jumper for a 123-all tie and then beat the shot clock with a go-ahead 3-pointer. He had 12 rebounds and eight assists, just missing a triple-double.

Nikola Jokic scored 10 of his 30 points in the first overtime for Denver, which solidified its hold on third place in the Western Conference playoff standings.

Clippers 122, Trail Blazers 117

Rodney McGruder hit a 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds left, and Los Angeles beat Portland even with Kawhi Leonard resting on the bench.

Portland had a chance to ensure a play-in for the Western Conference's final playoff berth and eliminate Sacramento with a win. The Trail Blazers led much of the game, but the NBA's top-scoring team inside the bubble was outscored 12-2 in the final 96 seconds as Paul George also sat the final five minutes. George finished with 21 points. Landry Shamet scored 19 and Reggie Jackson added 17.

CJ McCollum led Portland with 29 points, shooting 6 of 13 from 3-point range.

Suns 119, Heat 112

Devin Booker scored 35 points and Jevon Carter added a season-high 20 as Phoenix remained undefeated in the NBA restart, beating Miami.

Carter made six of eight 3-pointers as the Suns improved to 5-0 in the restart.

Miami is currently the No. 4 team in the Eastern Conference playoff standings. Duncan Robinson and Tyler Herro each had 25 points to lead the Heat.

Phoenix began the restart schedule with the second-worst record of the 22 teams in the field and the worst mark in the Western Conference.

The Suns have played like serious playoff contenders. The Suns entered Saturday's schedule only 2 1/2 games behind eighth-place Memphis.

Pacers 116, Lakers 111

T.J. Warren is leading a litany of All-Stars in scoring inside the NBA bubble, and his Indiana Pacers are the only Eastern Conference team with four wins.

They got there with a victory over LeBron James and the Lakers.

Warren scored 39 points, including seven straight to put Indiana ahead in the final two minutes, and the Pacers beat Los Angeles.

LeBron James had 31 points, eight rebounds and seven assists after sitting out the first game since the Lakers clinched the top seed in the West. James was officially listed as out with a sore right groin in a 113-97 loss to Houston.

MVP finalists: Antetokounmpo, James, and Harden

This season's NBA MVP has won the award before.

A trio of past winners of the award—reigning MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks, four-time MVP LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers and 2017-18 winner James Harden of the Houston Rockets—were announced Saturday as the finalists for this season's top NBA individual honor.

James would join Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (a six-time winner), Michael Jordan and Bill Russell as the NBA's only five-time MVPs. Antetokounmpo is bidding to become the 12th back-to-back winner of the award, and Harden is vying for his second MVP in three seasons.

"He's an incredible teammate, plays unselfishly, does everything," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said of Antetokounmpo last month, stating his best player's MVP case. "And I think that's kind of what the MVP is, so we certainly feel like he's very deserving and we'll be excited to support him."

Antetokounmpo is also a finalist for Defensive Player of the Year, while Utah's Rudy Gobert is bidding to win that trophy for a third consecutive season.

The league announced the top three vote-getters in six individual categories. Voting has already taken place by a global panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

The NBA has not set specific dates when the winners will be announced.

None of the games taking place at the NBA's restart at Walt Disney World factored into the voting, because ballots were due before games began again July 30.

The league took the step of saying games played before the league suspended the season on March 11 because of the coronavirus pandemic could factor into award consideration, out of fairness to the eight teams that were not invited to the restart.

The other finalists for NBA honors:

Rookie of the Year—Ja Morant, Memphis; Kendrick Nunn, Miami; Zion Williamson, New Orleans.

Most Improved Player—Bam Adebayo, Miami; Luka Doncic, Dallas; Brandon Ingram, New Orleans.

Sixth Man—Montrezl Harrell, Los Angeles Clippers; Dennis Schroder, Oklahoma City; Lou Williams, Los Angeles Clippers.

Defensive Player of the Year—Antetokounmpo; Anthony Davis, Los Angeles Lakers; Rudy Gobert, Utah.

Coach of the Year—Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee; Billy Donovan, Oklahoma City; Nick Nurse, Toronto.

Meanwhile, the road to the NBA championship will go through Milwaukee's white uniforms.

The Bucks have secured the top overall seed in the NBA playoffs for the second consecutive year, the clincher coming when the Los Angeles Lakers lost to Indiana on Saturday.

Ordinarily, that would come with the right to host Game 1 and Game 7 of every series. This year, it just means that the Bucks will be called the home team in those games in each postseason round that they reach.

The Washington Wizards were eliminated from playoff contention.

On Saturday, they practiced.

The Wizards knew they were playoff longshots even before coming to the NBA's restart at Disney, especially since Bradley Beal didn't make the trip because of injury and Davis Bertans opted not to play because of health concerns.

But these eight games—Washington is 0-5 at Disney with three games left—were considered learning opportunities for the team's young players, and a chance to get some high-level work in before the offseason starts. And just because the playoff chances are now gone doesn't mean Wizards coach Scott Brooks is changing his thinking on that front.

"It's about getting better," Brooks said. "You know, I love our group. We want to keep improving. And the record, I'm not happy with it but I'm happy with our effort after every game that we've been in."

Brooks has told his team repeatedly at Disney that the losses go on his record, not theirs.

"You can't waste the days, you have to keep working on each day and keep improving and it's hard," Brooks said. ***(AP)***

Semien hits leadoff HR as A's down Astros

OAKLAND (AP)—Marcus Semien homered in the first after hitting a walkoff single to end a 13-inning win a night earlier and the Oakland Athletics beat the Houston Astros 3-1 on Saturday for their eighth straight victory.

Frankie Montas (2-1) pitched seven shutout innings, allowing two hits without walking a batter and striking out five for the AL West-leading A's.

The three-time reigning division champion Astros lost their fourth in a row. The last three defeats had been by a total of four runs.

Semien became the first player in A's franchise history with a game-ending hit and a leadoff homer on back-to-back days.

Matt Chapman homered in the eighth and added an RBI groundout in the sixth as Oakland (11-4) matched the 2014 club for the best record through 15 games over the last 30 years.

Houston starter Framber Valdez (0-2) gave up two runs and seven hits, striking out nine with one walk over seven innings.

AP

Oakland Athletics' Marcus Semien slides in to steal third base as Houston Astros' Jose Altuve (27) misses the ball in the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, in Oakland, Calif.

Yankees 8, Rays 4, Game 1

Rays 5, Yankees 3, Game 2

In Florida, Austin Meadows hit a two-run single and the Tampa Bay earned a split of seven-inning games in a doubleheader.

The Yankees won the opener as ace Gerrit Cole came within one strike of earning his 20th straight regular-season win.

Cole took a 5-0 lead into the fifth. With two outs and a runner on, he had a 1-2 count on Ji-Man Choi, who came back to hit an RBI double. Jose Martinez followed with a two-run homer on the 107th pitch from a clearly tiring Cole. Soon after, Yankees manager Aaron Boone took a slow walk to mound to replace Cole with Chad Green.

Indians 7, White Sox 1

Zach Plesac tossed six strong innings and Cleveland snapped a scoring drought with a six-run fourth.

The Indians had been blanked for 13 innings before Franmil Reyes and Jordan Luplow each hit a two-run homer in the fourth. Luplow was 0 for 21 with a walk this season before homering. Domingo Santana added a solo homer in the eighth.

Rangers 2, Angels 0

Joey Gallo hit a two-run homer, six Texas pitchers combined on a four-hitter to give the Rangers consecutive wins for the first time this season.

Edinson Volquez (1-1), the first reliever after starter Kolby Allard's five innings, worked the sixth for his first major league victory since 2017. It was his first win for the Rangers since 2007, before the former starter was traded to Cincinnati for Josh Hamilton. Rafael Montero worked a perfect ninth for his second save in two nights.

Royals 9, Twins 6

Jorge Soler homered in back-to-back innings, the second blast coming in a go-ahead six-run fourth in which Kansas City went deep three times.

Nicky Lopez hit a two-run shot off reliever Lewis Thorpe (0-1) and Salvador Perez also went deep as the first seven Royals reached base in the fourth. Soler and Perez went back-to-back for the second time this season, and it was the first time the club had hit three homers in an inning since Aug. 19, 2018, against the White Sox.

Giants 5, Dodgers 4

Austin Slater had his first multi-homer game, Johnny Cueto took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and San Francisco beat Los Angeles.

Slater hit solo shots over the wall in center in the third and fifth innings off Clayton Kershaw and became only the seventh player to hit two homers in the same game off the Dodgers' ace.

It was a tough night for Kershaw (1-1), who has traditionally dominated the Giants. The right-hander allowed four runs and six hits in 4 1/3 innings with a walk and six strikeouts.

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 2

Starling Marté and Stephen Vogt homered off Chris Paddack in the sixth inning, and Arizona beat San Diego.

The Padres failed to capitalize on two more home runs by Fernando Tatis Jr., including his second leadoff homer in two nights.

Phillies 5, Braves 0

Jake Arrieta tossed six strong innings for his first win in more than a year and Jay Bruce and J.T. Realmuto each homered to lead Philadelphia.

Arrieta (1-1) tossed three-hit ball and struck out six for his first win since June 30, 2019. He had help all around—right fielder Bryce Harper made an outstretched, diving catch in the fifth that earned a fist pump in appreciation from Arrieta.

Reds 4, Brewers 1

Anthony DeSclafani allowed two singles over six scoreless innings and Eugenio Suarez hit a three-run homer to lift Cincinnati.

Suarez put the Reds up 3-0 in the first with his second homer of the season. The Reds added a run in the seventh and Milwaukee countered with Brock Holt's sacrifice fly in the eighth.

DeSclafani allowed a leadoff single in the third to Holt, who was erased on a double play, and a two-out single to Eric Sogard in the sixth.

Raisel Iglesias pitched a perfect ninth for his second save of the season and 100th career save.

Orioles 5, Nationals 3

Pat Valaika, Pedro Severino and Anthony Santander homered during a five-run rally in the eighth inning as Baltimore roughed up Washington's relievers.

The Orioles went into eighth with just two hits and trailing 3-0. Sean Doolittle relieved and Baltimore began the eighth with back-to-back, pinch-hit homers by Valaika and Severino.

Daniel Hudson (1-1) took over with one out and after a walk and single, Santander hit his third homer of the season into the left-field bleachers.

Tigers 11, Pirates 5

Niko Goodrum, Miguel Cabrera, C.J. Cron and Jeimer Candelario all hit home runs in the first inning against Pittsburgh's Derek Holland to lead Detroit.

Detroit sent four of Holland's first 11 pitches over the fence at PNC Park to propel the Tigers to another big offensive outburst against reeling Pittsburgh one night after a 17-13 win in 11 innings.

Rockies 5, Mariners 0

Charlie Blackmon added three more hits to his major league-leading total and drove in three runs, and four Colorado pitchers combined for a one-hitter.

Colorado won for the seventh time in eight games to keep rolling atop the NL West.

Rockies starter Ryan Castellani, making his major league debut, began with four perfect innings.

If college season canceled, NFL will hold Saturday games

NEW YORK—Bad news: There may be no college football on Saturdays this year.

Good news: There may be NFL football on Saturdays this year.

Per a source with knowledge of the situation, the NFL likely will move games from Sundays to Saturday, if college football doesn't proceed this season. It's unclear whether the games would be broadcast, streamed, or distributed on a pay-per-view basis, but the league likely would backfill the vacant Saturday windows with NFL content.

The easiest approach would be to treat each Saturday like the late-season tripleheader the league staged in 2019, with a game at 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8:15 p.m. ET. That would trim the Sunday slate by three games each week.

There's another wrinkle that would have to be addressed, quickly. The league would need a one-year dispensation from the broadcast antitrust exemption, which allows the NFL to sell TV rights in a league-wide bundle but prevents the NFL from televising games on Friday or Saturday from Labor Day through early December.

Regardless, with college football teetering on the brink and the NFL confident that its games will be played, 2020 could result in four days of pro football every week: Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

66 opt out

A total of 66 players have opted out of the 2020 NFL season due to the coronavirus pandemic, nearly half of them linemen

Twenty offensive linemen and 11 on defense opted out before Thursday's deadline. Players with a medical opt out will receive a $350,000 stipend, while those voluntarily opting out receive $150,000 as an advance against future salaries.

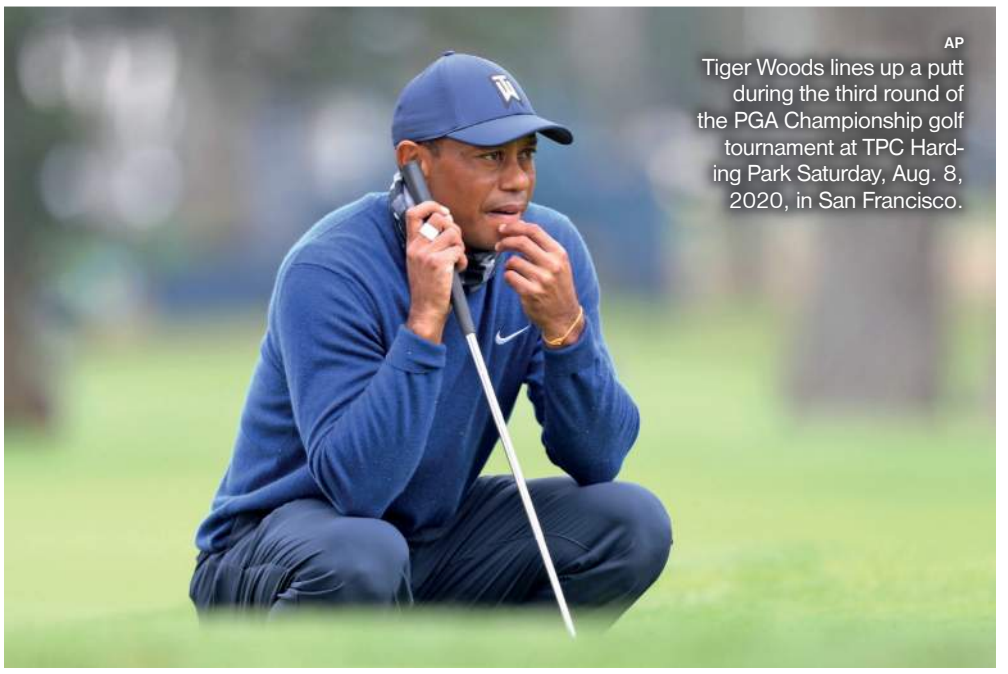
No team has come close to New England in losing players for the upcoming season, which begins Sept. 10 with Houston at Super Bowl champion Kansas City. The Patriots, already minus several stars who left in free agency—including, of course, Tom Brady to Tampa Bay—saw eight opt outs: running back Brandon Bolden, offensive tackle Marcus Cannon, safety Patrick Chung, linebacker Dont'a Hightower, tight end Matt LaCosse, wide receiver Marqise Lee, offensive lineman Najee Toran and fullback Dan Vitale. Hightower, Cannon and Chung were key contributors in recent seasons.

Cleveland was next with five players skipping the season: defensive tackle Andrew Billings, tackle Drake Dorbeck and guards Drew Forbes, Colby Gossett and Malcolm Pridgeon.

Only three teams had no one opting out: the Steelers, Falcons and Chargers.

"Those are not easy decisions to make as a player, especially when you love the game," said Broncos safety Justin Simmons, who will play this season. "But family will always come first. And I've had a lot of difficult conversations with my wife and, yeah, it's not ever going to be easy. Just like for the rest of America, it's not easy on anyone right now." ***(AP/NBC)***

Woods faces little hope; DJ leads



AP
Tiger Woods lines up a putt during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at TPC Harding Park Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, in San Francisco.

AP
Dustin Johnson watches his tee shot on the 14th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at TPC Harding Park Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, in San Francisco.

One day he couldn't find enough fairways. The next day he couldn't make any putts. The third day he couldn't get close enough to make any putts.

That leaves a fourth day for Tiger Woods, with little to play for in the PGA Championship.

Eight shots behind going into the third round, Woods didn't make a birdie until the 16th hole at Harding Park. That was followed by his best shot of the day, an approach from 209 yards to 5 feet for birdie on the 18th. And then it was time to sign for a 2-over 72 on Saturday, leaving him out of contention at another major.

"It's just like yesterday," Woods said. "I just didn't get anything going, and had to claw and fight to get my way back, and didn't get anything going until the last few holes."

Woods finished an hour before the leaders teed off, and he was left with another Sunday at a major without much hope.

His victory in the Masters last year was one of the most emotional ever for Woods, who endured a major knee surgery and four back surgeries since his previous one 11 years earlier.

Since then, however, Woods has not been a factor in majors, with missed cuts at the PGA Championship and British Open last year, and a big deficit going into Sunday at the U.S. Open.

Woods said it wouldn't be difficult for him to get up for the final day at Harding Park, which until this week has brought only happy memories in his previous two experiences as a pro.

"Get ready for the (FedEx Cup) playoffs, and we have the U.S. Open after that. We have some big events to be played," he said. "And hopefully, tomorrow I can shoot something in the red and get it to under par for the tournament."

The PGA Championship is only his fourth tournament of the year, and his second in the last six months because of the pandemic that shut down golf from March to June.

Woods used a new putter this week—adjustable weights in the sole and a little longer to allow him to practice longer without strain on his back—but he blamed the last two days on the guy using it.

"I was frustrated that I didn't get anything going early," Woods said. "Wish I would have made the putts I did at the end. I was putting for pars, it seemed like, on a lot of the holes."

It wasn't entirely a repeat of Friday, when Woods had three birdie chances of 10 feet or closer on the opening five holes and didn't make any of them. On Saturday, he didn't have many reasonable chances.

Woods had only two birdie chances from inside 20 feet on the front nine -- a miss from 18 feet on No. 2, and miss from just outside 15 feet from the fringe on the par-5 fourth. He had only three chances inside 20 feet on the back nine, converting the last two of them.

It wasn't enough.

Woods talked about the noise—lack of it, with no spectators—as a new normal. Another new normal might be Woods not being a lock to contend every major he plays. His schedule is more limited than ever. His back is unpredictable. And he is 44, an age at which only six players have won majors.

Only three times in nine majors has he had a chance going into Sunday since his return from a fourth back surgery—the 2018 British Open and PGA, and the 2019 Masters that he won. Age alone would suggest he doesn't have many majors left to try to win at least three more to match Jack Nicklaus.

"There's not as many as when I first started playing," he said. "The reality is that the golf courses are getting bigger. They are getting longer. The margin between making the cut and the lead is a lot smaller than it used to be—used to be sometimes 12 to 15 shots. Now we had, what, nine shots? It's just different.

"It's getting tighter and it's getting harder to win events."

Woods gets one more day at Harding Park, and then only one month before he gets a cracked at his next one at Winged Foot for the U.S. Open.

Composure

Dustin Johnson lost his yardage book but he didn't lose his composure after a double bogey on the ninth hole at the PGA Championship.

Johnson shot a 5-under 65 in the third round at TPC Harding Park to enter the final round as the tournament leader at minus-9. Johnson made eight birdies—the most he's ever had in a round at a major. He bogeyed the fifth hole, then followed it up with a birdie on No. 6. Then he made double bogey on the ninth hole, but came right back to birdie Nos. 10, 14, 15, and 17 in a bogey-free back nine.

Johnson's only major victory was the 2016 U.S. Open. He was runner-up in the 2011 U.S. Open and the 2015 British, as well as last year's Masters and PGA Championship.

"I definitely have experience in this situation that definitely will help tomorrow," he said. "I've been in the hunt a bunch of times in a major. I've got one major, so having that experience is definitely going to be beneficial."

Johnson said he couldn't find his yardage book during the round, but his brother had a spare book that worked well enough.

"It's got to be in the bottom of my bag," he said. "But I didn't want to take all my clubs out on the golf course."

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U18, World Athletics Continental Cup, World Athletics Cross Country Championships (March 2021 in Australia), World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships (April 2022 in Belarus), World Athletics Half Marathon Championships (October 2020 in Gdynia, Poland), and World Athletics Relay (May 2021 in Silesia, Poland).

Zarinae Sapong was the most recent CNMI athlete to have represented the Commonwealth in a World Series event, as she raced in 100m run event in the 17th IAAF World Athletics Championships held at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar last year.

Meanwhile, once the recipient of the financial assistance is selected, he or she and the coach have to provide OAA a quarterly report on the competition and training details. Application forms and expression of interest must be submitted on or before Aug. 17 (12pm, Australian time). Application forms can be requested by emailing hptc@oceaniaathletics.com.

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playing at the No. 1 seed at Dixie for my freshman and sophomore year and I believe that will be a good asset," said Heras.

The CNMI player's transfer to MSU-Denver comes as the Roadrunners will make their debut in the Pacific West Conference. The group has a very competitive field that also includes Hawaii Pacific University, Azusa Pacific University, Fresno Pacific, Point Lorna Nazarene, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Corcordia (Irvine), Academy of Arts, Dominican University of California, Biola University, Chaminade University, and Holy Names University. RMAC ceased to support both the men's and women's tennis programs, but fortunately for MSU, head coach Josh Graetz managed to help the Roadrunners secure affiliate-member status in the PAC-West.

To prepare for her first season with the Roadrunners and the anticipated high-level competition in the PAC-West, Heras spent her vacation on Saipan training with CNMI Sports Hall of Famer and long-time national team coach Jeff Race.

"I was able to train with coach Jeff and the Aces tennis group three times," said Heras, who is one of the three CNMI players that will be seeing action in collegiate tennis this year. The two others are Carol Lee and Robbie Schorr—Heras' teammates in last year's Pacific Games—who left for Atlanta and Missouri, respectively.

MSU-DENVER
Metropolitan State University-Denver announced the signing of the CNMI's Isabel Heras in November last year.

Heras will debut for the Roadrunners at these trying times (COVID-19 pandemic), but vows to persevere under the challenging conditions.

"Approaching this season, there will be a lot of changes and rules to follow due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our practice and gym times are unaffected as of now and there will be rules, like taking temperatures and the amount of people allowed on the court. I want to make the best out of the situation," Heras said.

Barring changes to the 2020-2021 schedule due to the pandemic, Heras and company's season is slated to start on Sept. 5 with the staging of the MSU Denver Invitational. The Roadrunners are then set to challenge CSU-Pueblo the following weekend, while they will also face Midwestern State in another dual meet before debuting in the PAC-West against Azusa in March next year.

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Heras aims to make impact on new team

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In this file photo, Isabel Heras, second left, poses with her teammates, from left, Carol Lee, Tania Tan, and Malika Miyawaki before they compete in the Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa last year. All four former CNMI junior players are in now college.

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Isabel Heras will leave for Denver, Colorado this Thursday to join her new collegiate team.

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CNMI national player Isabel Heras will leave Saipan this Thursday to resume her collegiate tennis career.

Heras, who represented the Commonwealth in the Pacific Games in Samoa last year, will go to Colorado to join her new team—Metropolitan State University-Denver. The 20-year-old athlete has been officially listed on the Roadrunners' roster and is one of four juniors on the squad. She debuted in the collegiate ranks with Dixie State University in Utah and had a fruitful freshman season after winning the Rookie of the Year honors (2018-2019 season) in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and helping the Trailblazers win in the finals, incidentally against her new team.

With her impressive showing in her rookie year, Heras is hoping to make an impact with MSU. However, despite setting high expectations for herself, she does not feel so much pressure of being one of the players in the upper class and a transferee.

"I do not feel any pressure being one of the four juniors because I have played against MSU Denver when I played for Dixie. I also shared the co-freshman RMAC Conference award with Helena [Steenberg], who plays high in the roster. I believe I can make an impact in the MSU team by my doubles play. I have been

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In this file photo, the CNMI's Zarinae Sapong, second left, waits for the start of the 100m qualifying race during the 17th IAAF World Athletics Championships held at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

Financial aid available to athletes

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The Oceania Athletics Association will provide financial assistance to athletes from its member countries to help them compete in upcoming tournaments.

"Due to COVID-19, Oceania Athletics Association has not been able to provide our usual level of support to athletes in our usual format of training and competition scholarships in 2020," OAA said in a press statement.

"In the interim we are now calling for expressions of interest from highly ranked athletes in each Oceania federation to be considered for financial support. We are hopeful that this funding will go some way to supporting some of our athletes in an uncertain time," the statement added.

OAA president Robin Sapong said each federation will be given the opportunity to apply for the financial aid and they will be reviewed by a selection panel. OAA member-federations are asked to submit an expression of interest together with the application for their athlete or a possible team member for the Olympic Games (next year in Japan) or any World Series events.

There are nine World Series events scheduled for 2021 and 2022 and the Northern Marianas Athletics had competed in the previous editions of three of these tournaments—World Indoor, World Championships, and the World U20. The World Athletics Championship will be held in Oregon from July 15 to 24, 2022, while the World Indoor will be hosted by Nanjing, China next year (March 19 to 21). Nairobi in Kenya will be the venue for the World Athletics U20 Championships that will also take place next year (Aug. 17 to 22). The six other World Series events are World

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